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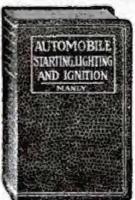
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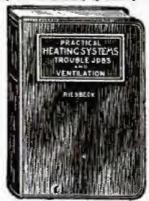
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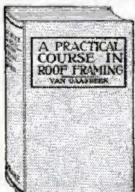


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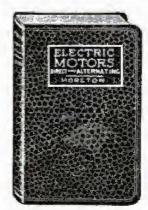
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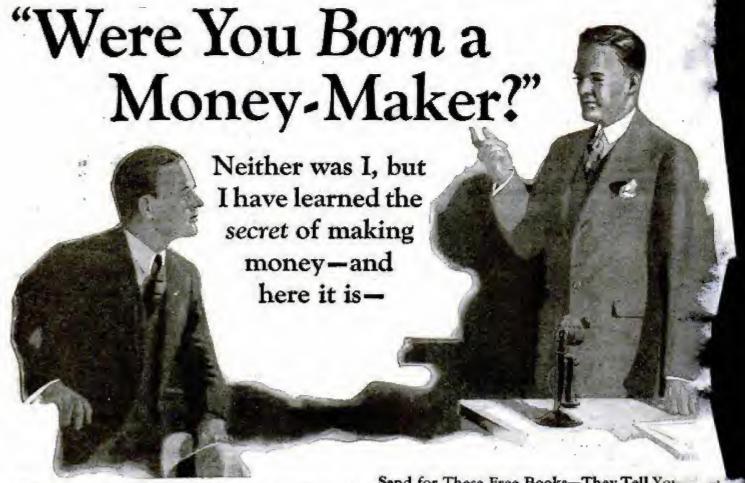
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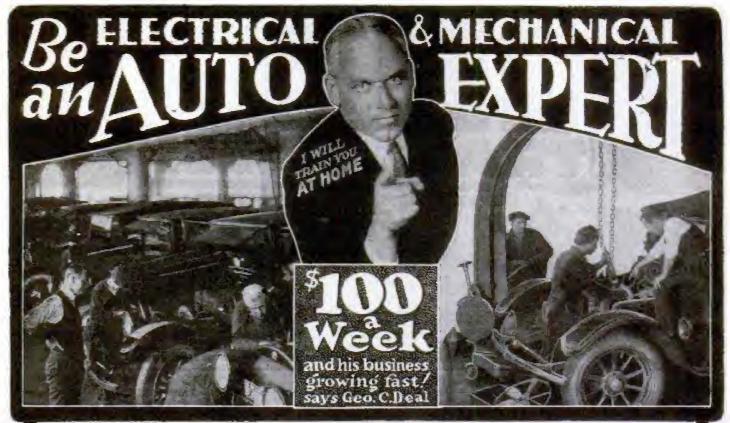
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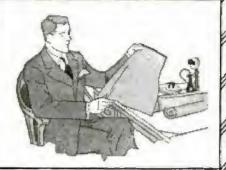
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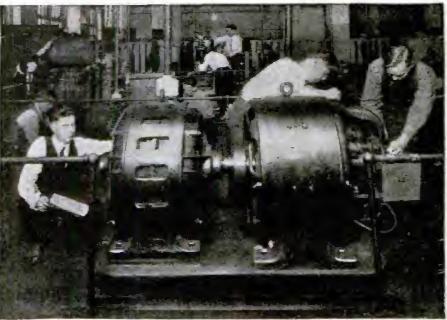
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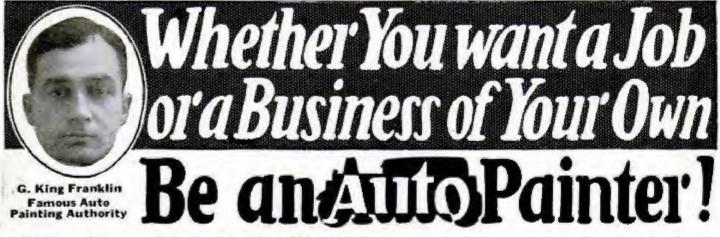
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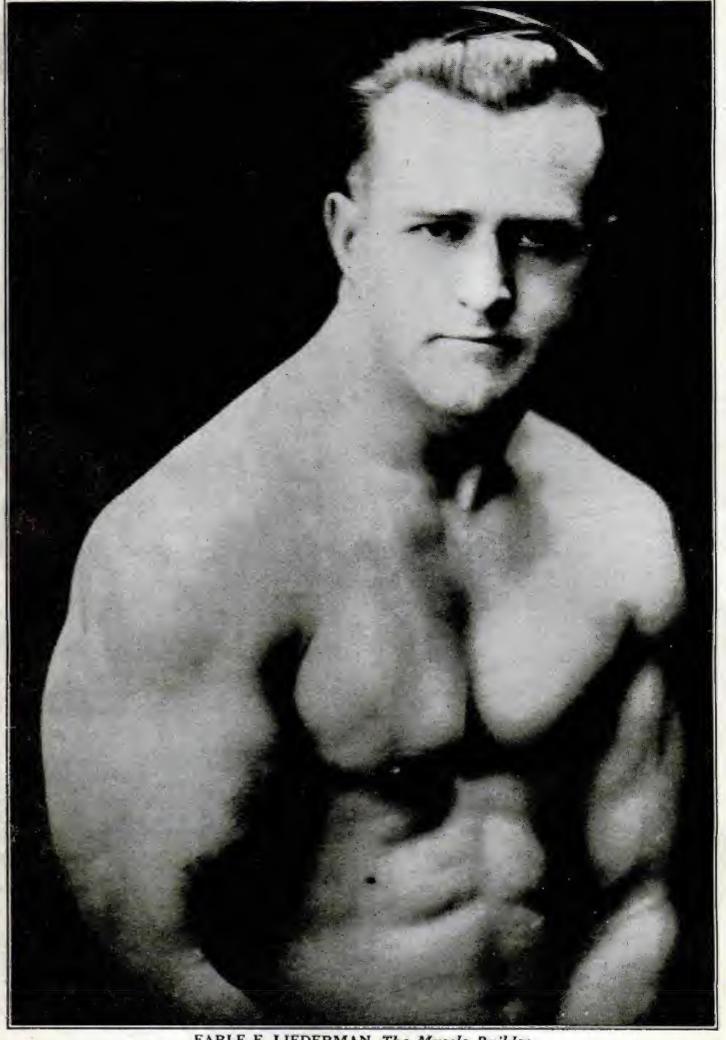
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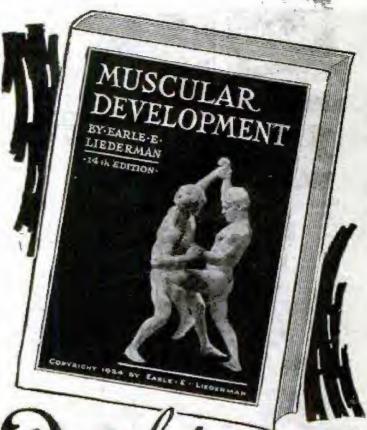
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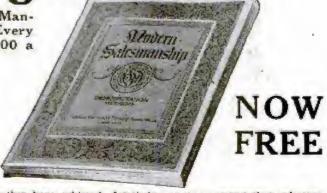
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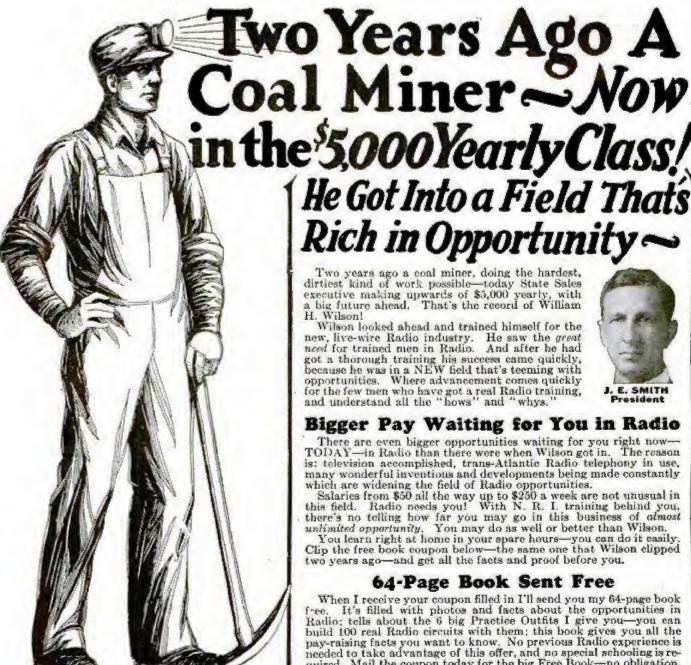
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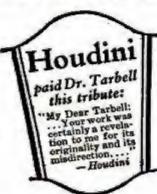
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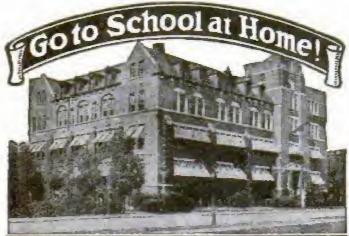
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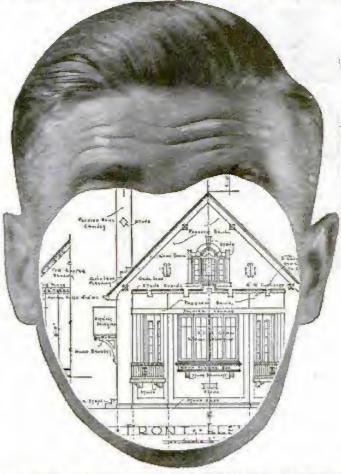
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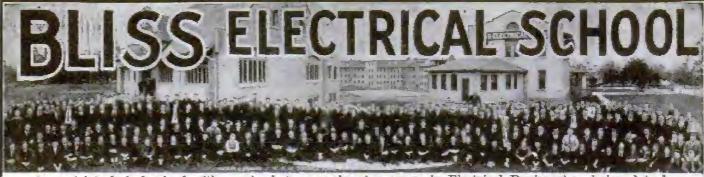
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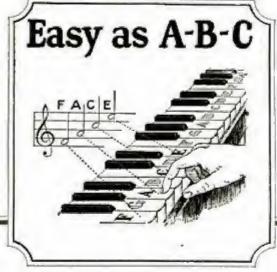
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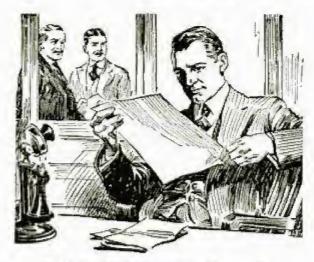
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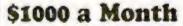
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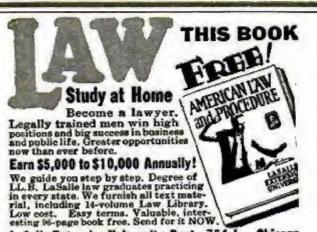
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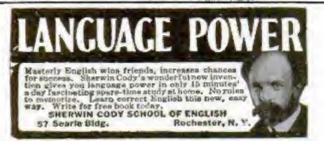
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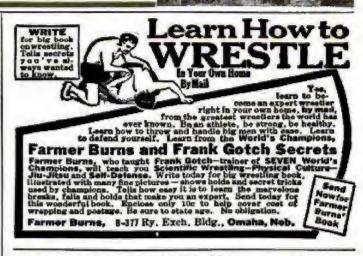
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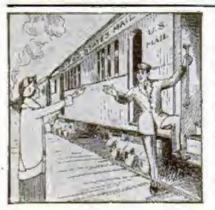
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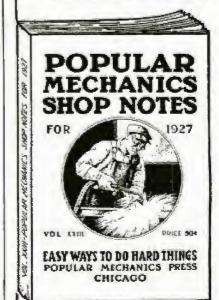
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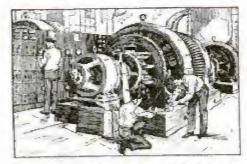
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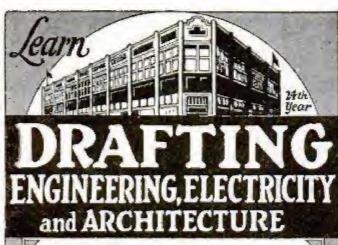
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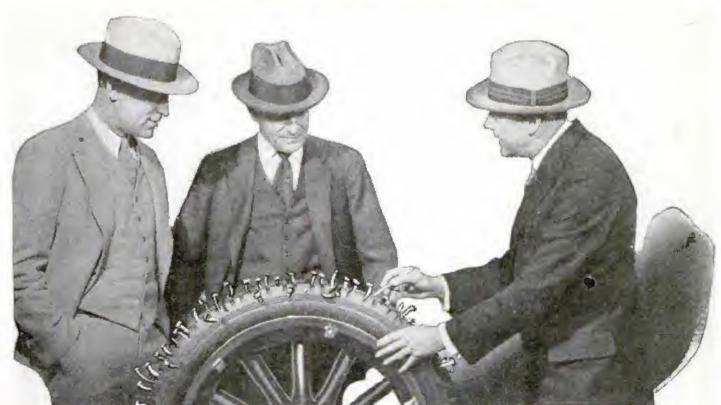
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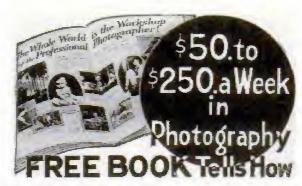
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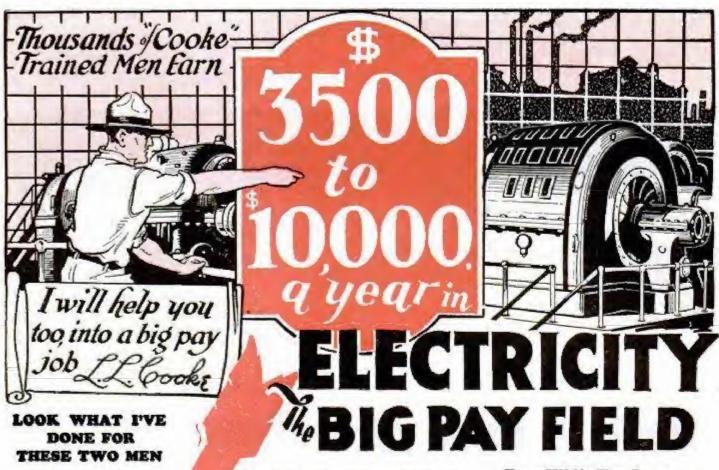
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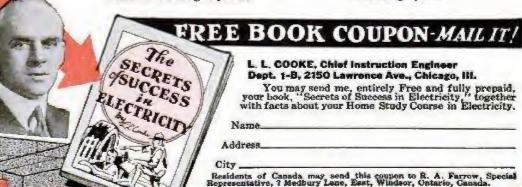
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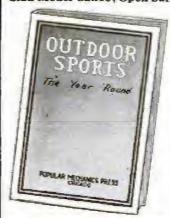
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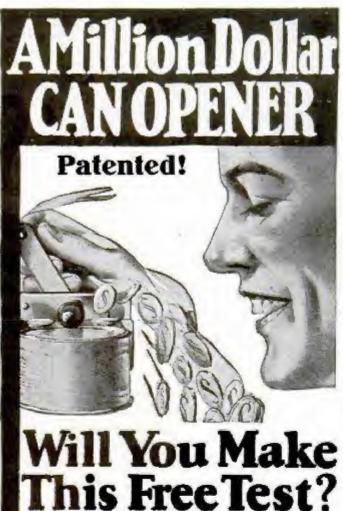
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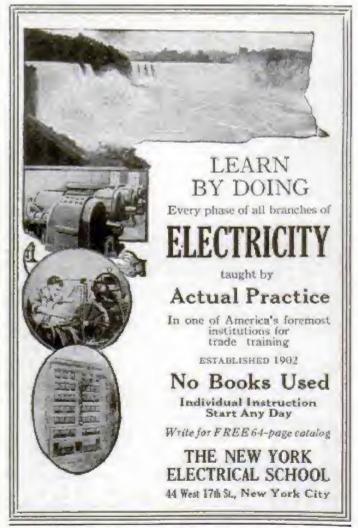
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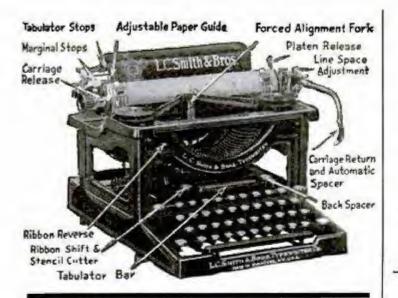
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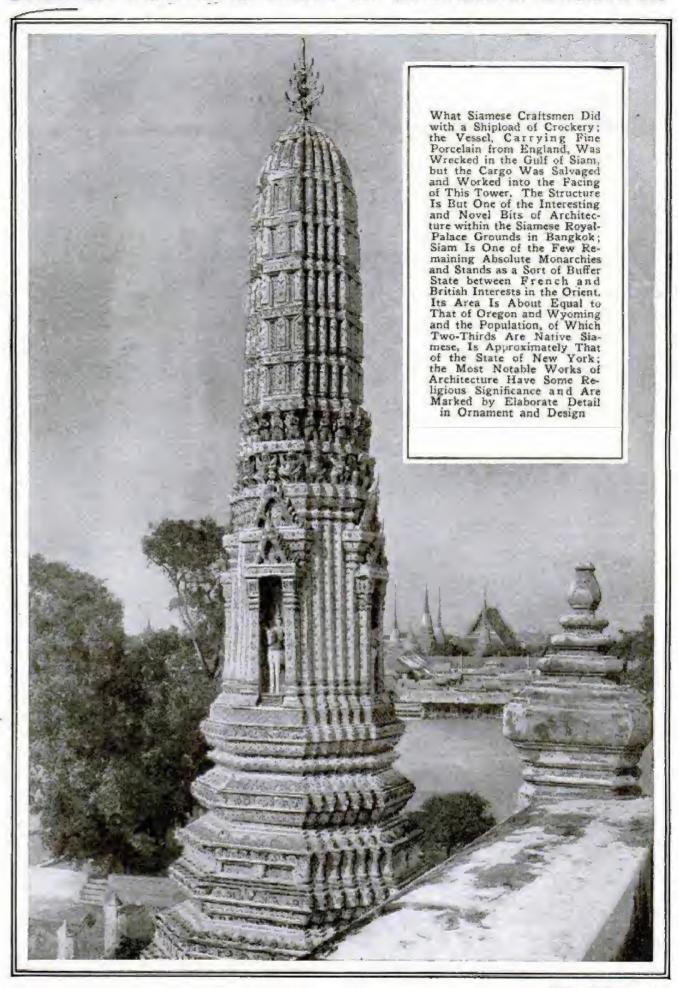
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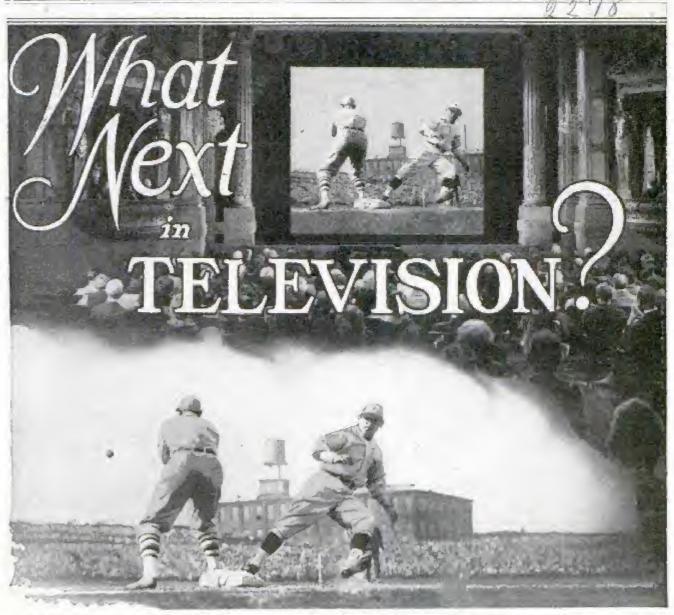
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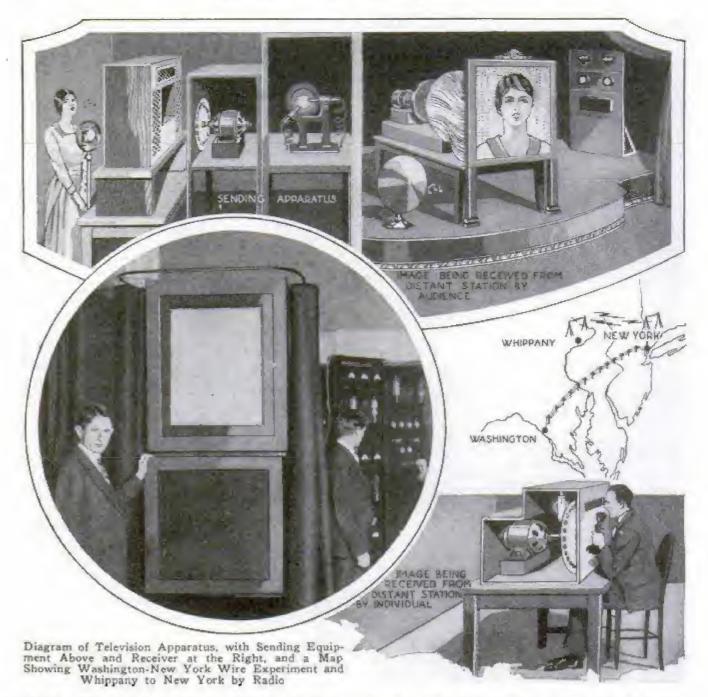
Successful Television Experiments Suggest That Soon Audiences Gathered in Distant Cities May Be Able to See World-Series Games on the Screen at Same Time They Are Played

By A. A. ALBELLI

PRIZE fights via television may be a reality before the end of this year. Engineers are working now on this first step in the practical utility of seeing by wire or radio at the Bell laboratories in New York City.

Arthur W. Page, of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, recently predicted: "The leaves will not begin to fall before you hear that we have perfected apparatus whereby a boxing match will be radio-visioned."

The efforts to apply television practically follow the successful test recently between speakers in New York City and Washington, D. C. Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover at the Washington end conversed with Walter S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, who was in New



York. By means of the television instruments, Mr. Gifford was able to see the image of the face of Secretary Hoover.

Already indefatigable scientists, working diligently to push nature's frontiers still farther back, are arriving at tangible ends in the practical application of the television principle. One of the men vitally associated with the practical side of television has come forward to predict that next summer's world-series games will be broadcast via television.

As far as the practical application of television to the everyday life of the average citizen is concerned, the process is still too complicated and costly. But the economic problem involved would be solved if large numbers of persons could use the same apparatus. Initial uses of the device will probably center around this fact.

Officials of the company believe that in time it will easily be practicable, and also profitable, to exhibit in a Chicago theater or hall a championship fight which may take place in another city, even as far away as New York.

With the same thought in mind, it is planned to establish television stations in the leading cities. Persons desiring to avail themselves of television would go to those stations.

The biggest of the problems facing the engineers have been solved. They are now confronted with the task of putting their principles to practical uses. The process by which television has been attained

seems infinitely complicated and difficult on first encounter, but becomes fairly simple when traced step by step. The thing that chiefly staggers the mind is that all that travels over the wire and over the air is a series of electrical impulses.

Speed and exactitude are the tremendous achievements in the process. Dots of light are put together at the rate of 45,000 a second to form the motion pictures. Each dot has to be in its exact place. The mosaic of squares would be a jumble if there was an error of one ninety-thousandth part of a second between the sending and receiving apparatus.

The receiving and transmitting of the picture are harmonized by a system which causes every one of the 2,500 squares or units to fall in its proper place eighteen

times a second.

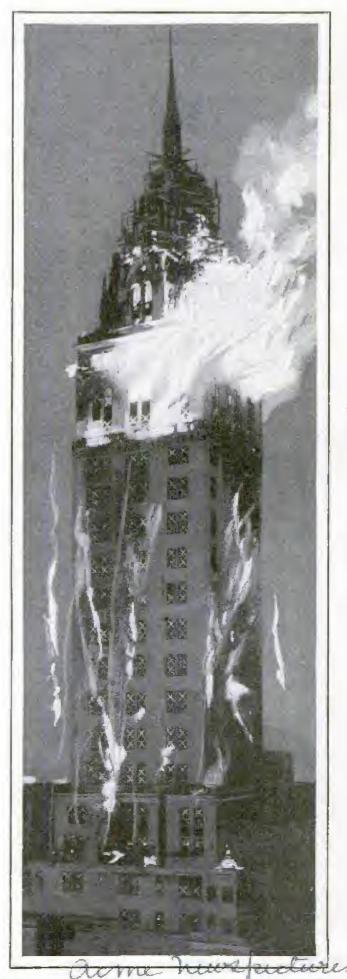
As in motion pictures, it is the phenomenon of persistence of vision which causes all those flickering squares of light to fuse so that the eye sees them as objects in motion. Motion pictures really consist of still pictures shown at the rate of eighteen a second. The eye blends the stills into motion.

In television, the eye is even more deceived. Here is only a series of spots of light flashing on and off, but each spot maintains its effect on the human eye long enough for the brain to comprehend them as an organized picture.

BLAZING SKYSCRAPER RAISES FIRE-FIGHTING PROBLEM

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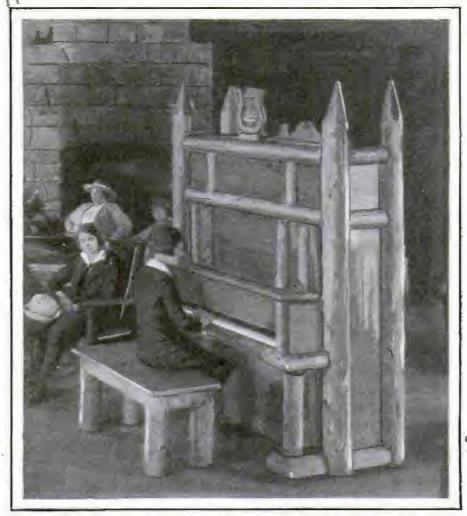
A blazing wooden scaffold, thirty-eight stories above the ground on the side of a new skyscraper hotel in New York, recently brought firemen face to face with an entirely new problem in fire fighting. The tallest water tower fellshort by hundreds of feet, the standpipes in the new building were not in commission, and hose, laboriously carried up flight after flight, in the absence of elevators, burst when the water pressure was raised in an effort to force a stream to the topl Eventually the fire burned itself out/but not before it had scattered blazing timbers for blocks around. City officials who conducted the investigation recommended that wooden scaffolding be barted from use on high buildings.



Night Photograph of New York's Highest Fire, atop a New Skyscraper; the Streaks Are Falling Firebrands. Such Fires Offer a New Problem

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Rustic Piano Case in the Lobby of Paradise Inn, Rainier National Park; It Was Made from Logs Cut in Forest Close By

RUSTIC LOG CASE FOR PIANO FEATURES PARK INN

Novel rustic furniture is used with pleasing effect in the lobby of Paradise inn, at Rainier national park, and one of the most unusual pieces is the piano. The case is constructed of logs cut in the forest near by. They are of Alaskan cedar, silvergray and weathered to a soft color.

GAS MADE FROM FARM WASTE USED FOR COOKING

Almost any kind of vegetable may be used as a source of gas in a generator recently introduced, the inventor claims. Cotton, cornstalks, straw and sawdust have been employed successfully, according to reports, a ton of the material producing about 1,200 cubic feet of gas suitable for heating or cooking. It burns with a clean, blue flame. The plant also yields valuable by-products in the form of tar, vegetable oils and charcoal.

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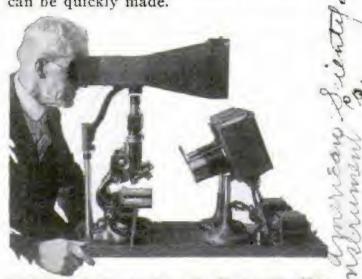
CUTTING STONE WITH SHOT₂ 36

Chilled-steel shot is being widely adopted as a substitute for sand and water in sawing slabs and blocks of stone. It is made so hard that it cannot be bruised or crushed under the heaviest pressure, whereas sand or emery is quickly reduced to ineffective powder. The work is done more rapidly and there is less wear on the tools. The shot is also being substituted for sand and emery in grinding and polishing.

CRIME WAR AIDED BY FINGERPRINT MAGNIFIER

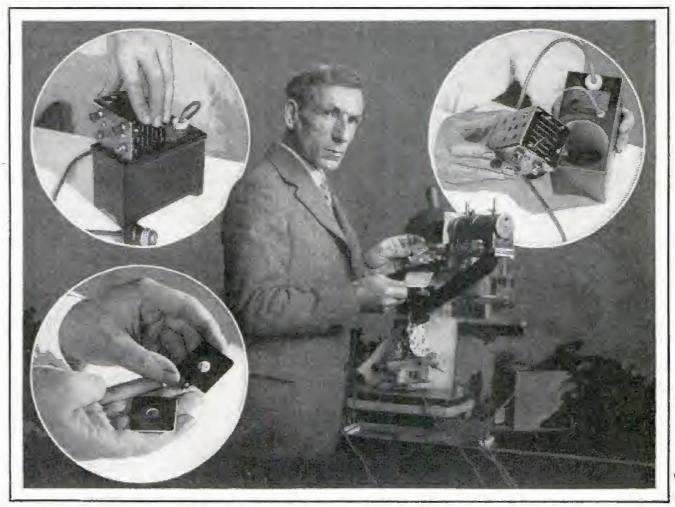
One of the most recent aids in police investigations is a special magnifying apparatus for the study of fingerprints. It enlarges them twenty

diameters and, at the same time, projects the lines in clear definition on a miniature screen facing a camera attachment. By means of special adjustments, a bit of fingerprint or an entire impression taken from some object or surface, can be alined and superimposed on a print from a suspect's finger so that accurate comparison can be quickly made.



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Copper That Defies Electrical Laws

Metal through Which Current Can Flow in Only One Direction to Revolutionize Radio Battery Chargers and Eliminators

A LITTLE piece of copper, slightly more than an inch square and so thin that it would take sixty-five of them to make a pile an inch high, has won a place in the electrical hall of fame by defying all the accepted laws of electricity. For, while copper is the best of all the cheap and available electrical conductors, this particular piece has the unique property of carrying a current in one direction only—from its face toward its center.

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Because of that property it can be used to turn alternating current into direct current, opening a field of vast possibilities, since copper is cheap and "kuprox." as the material is known, is easy to make, after you know how. It is already on the market in the form of units to replace the electrolytic jars in radio-battery chargers or

the rectifying tubes in vacuum-tube chargers, and as rectifiers in several pieces of X-ray and medical apparatus.

Battery eliminators, using the unit and replacing both A and B radio batteries, are working in the laboratory and soon . will be in production, and, wherever alternating current must be changed into direct, engineers are interested in the possibilities of the new material. Alternating current is far more economical and practical to generate, but direct current is best in some fields, particularly for elevator motors and similar machines where a high starting torque is required. So, in practically every city of any size, the power company is forced to generate some direct current for its business and factory customers, maintaining power houses and lines for both.

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With the new copper rectifiers, the power company could deliver alternating current to the consumer, using a small rectifier on the premises to convert it into direct. A pile of copper plates, three inches square and less than five inches high, would be sufficient to rectify 100 amperes at 200 volts.

The invention of kuprox is one of the romances of modern research. Scientists years ago discovered that copper, when coated with one of its oxides, became a one-way conductor of electricity, but, because of the high resistance of the black oxide which forms over the surface of copper when oxidized, the discovery had no practical use. When the coating of black oxide was removed, the inability to get a good electrical contact interfered with its application to practical work.

It remained for a Cincinnati man to invent a method of replacing the black-oxide coating with a layer of pure copper, which not only eliminated the high resistance and provided a good contact, but likewise offered a surface to which connections could be directly soldered. The first discovery, years ago, was just an existing fact, but the perfection of kuprox is a true invention of something that never existed before, a method of getting a coating of virgin copper over oxide, so that in the final product the oxide rests between sheets of pure metal.

John G. H. Liebel is responsible for the invention as a result of his curiosity as to why the metal and oxide would only conduct electricity from the oxide into the

copper, and not in the reverse direction. He surmised that the reason lay in some change in the atomic structure which took place while the oxide was being formed. So he enlisted the aid of S. J. M. Allen, of the university of Cincinnati. Prof. Allen discovered that, if made in a somewhat different manner, the resistance

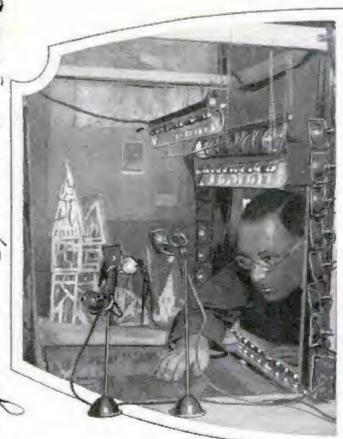
of the plates of kuprox varied according to the pressure applied to them. He immediately visioned a new and extremely delicate electrical balance for weighing minute amounts of matter in his laboratory. Being the son of a sea captain, a Novascotian by birth and an ex-commodore of the Royal Halifax yacht club, he saw also another field, in which a smalltube, let into the bow of a boat below the water line, would have at its rear end a diaphragm against which the sea water would press when the boat was moving, the pressure varying according to the boat's speed. A stylus projecting from the diaphragm would press against a pair of kuprox disks and transmit a varying amount of current to an ammeter, calibrated in knots, on the bridge, a ship's speedometer, in other words.

A friend of the two, Clarence Ogden, saw another field and immediately obtained a patent license covering radio battery eliminators and battery chargers. For battery charging a dozen of the little inchand-a-half-square plates are connected so that, when the alternating current flows one way, it passes through half of them and when it flows the other, it passes through the other half, but both sets of six plates are so arranged that the output is delivered to the battery in one direction. The result is a trickle charger that charges at twice the rate of the ordinary type, for it is a full instead of a half-wave type.

2268 SCREEN FOR AUTO WINDSHIELD KEEPS OUT DUST AND BUGS

Easily attached to the car, a fine copper screen fits under the windshield to keep dust and Tilter insects from entering when the glass is open and to break the force of the wind. It does not interfere with the driver's vision as it comes below the top of the steering wheel. Rubber bumpers prevent noise and vibrations.







Miniature Stage and Lighting System Save Time and Expense in Planning Effects for Real Plays; a View behind the Scenes and the Control-Switch Box

LIGHTING TESTS ON TINY STAGE AID SHOW PRODUCTION

So that various lighting effects may be developed at a minimum expense, a miniature stage and switchboard have been devised by an eastern inventor. They are modeled after a full-size theater with lamps in the same positions they occupy in the real playhouse. Color combinations, time schedules and other details can be worked out with this equipment in little time and with great saving in current.

BAR MOTH RAVAGES 23 8

Closet linings of aromatic Tennessee red cedar, produced in tongue-and-grooved boards with matched ends, are displacing cedar chests as a moth preventive for the summer storage of clothing. The material can be used to line old closets or new, or in the construction of large attic storage vaults. To prevent the natural change which causes the pores of cedar to close when exposed to sunlight, sealing in the aromatic oil which drives away the moths, the boards are packed in air and light-tight

fiberboard packages as soon as they are made, and come to the user in this way. The boards come in three-eighths-inch thickness for walls, and thirteen-sixteenths for floors, and in widths ranging from one and a half to three and a quarter inches. Only the heart wood, which contains the cedar oil, is used.



Cedar-Lined Closet and Shipment of the Boards Showing the Air and Light-Tight Container

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ARMY TANKS CARRY WIRELES FOR BATTLE ORDERS

The efficiency of the tank as a fighting unit has been increased, army authorities believe, by the development of special wireless outfits for the units. The antenna is rigged on a small upright. Operators can readily receive instructions from a central dispatching station, simplifying the task of giving orders to the "traveling forts" and insuring more successful maneuvers.

where there were between 200,000 and 250,000 ostriches, the number has shrunk to less than 50,000, and because of the unfavorable season last winter, it was necessary to kill many of the birds to save the expense of feeding them.

2276 —— TOY BALLOONS ARE MADE IN MANY OUEER SHAPES

Toy balloons shaped like such familiar figures as Santa Claus or the Easter rabbit, as well as scores of fanciful and grotesque animals, birds and people have created a new field for inflated rubber toys. Queer cats, with a squawker concealed in them, emit plaintive howls. Another improvement on the old-time balloons is the addi-

tion of a simple valve which does away with the trouble of tying the balloon with string after inflating. The toys, which appear simple enough, are the product of complicated manufacturing processes. Sheets of special high-grade rubber are cut out by dies, one for each side of the toy, the two parts are then joined at the edges to form an airtight balloon, the designs are stamped on in colors and finally

the valve is added.

OSTRICH FEATHERS IN DUSTERS
SHOW-CHANGE OF STYLE
Once prized by the milliner, the os-

trich feather is now almost completely out of fashion and is being used in dusters and to trim lamp shades. The effect of the change in style has been noticeable in South Africa, where huge flocks of birds have been raised for their plumes. In one district,

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The Stevens Shortly before the Opening; the Structure Is Twenty-Five Stories above Ground and Four Below, Cost, with the Land, \$27,000,000, and Contains 3,000 Rooms

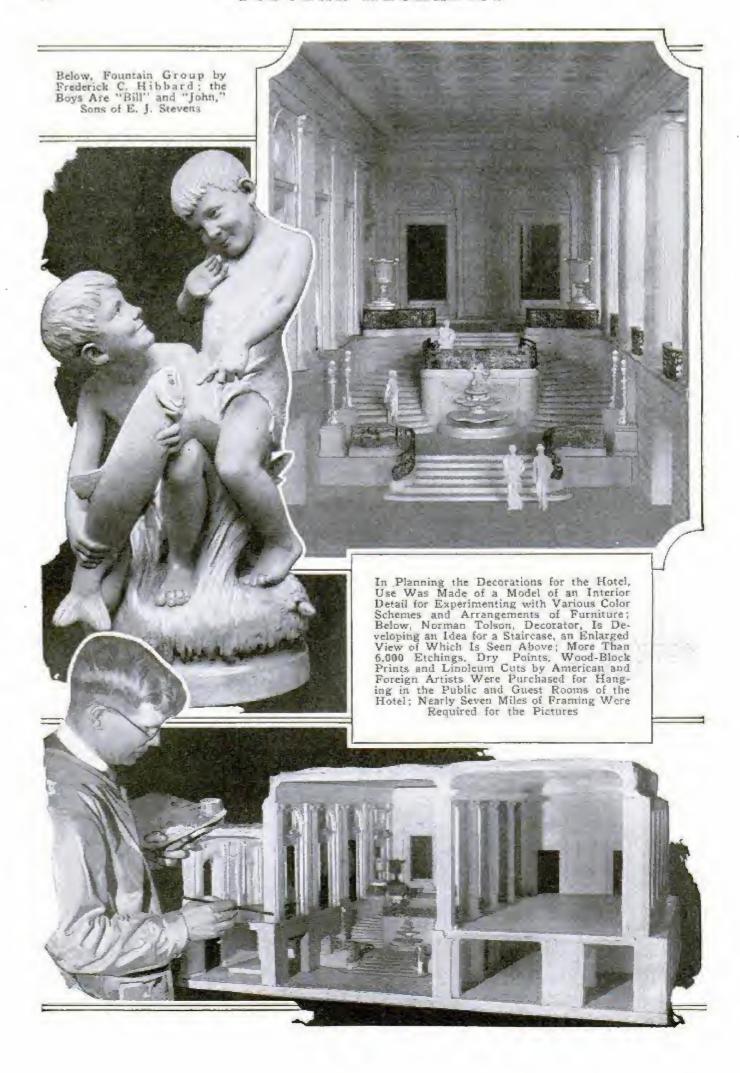
I T would take you eight years, using a different room each night, to sleep in all of the rooms of the world's largest hotel. The entire population of any one of more than 1,000 cities in the United States could be comfortably entertained at the same time in this structure, allowing a separate room for each man, woman and child, and there would be space left for transient guests. A single worker, attempting to wash all the windows would have to labor eight hours a day for nearly five months to complete the task.

Twenty-five stories above ground, four below and costing \$27,000,000 with the land, the Stevens hotel, in Chicago, is best seen in its tremendous proportions when some of its items of household equipment are considered. These include 7,000 chairs, 134,000 plates, other china that would fill fifty carloads, three trainloads of mattresses, 138,000 tablecloths, 300,000 napkins, 48,000 drinking goblets, 5,000 dozen bath towels, three carloads of silverware, sixty miles of carpets and 36,000 feet of picture

frames for the 6,000 original etchings and paintings.

In the lower floors are a ballroom so large that 3,000 persons can comfortably dance in it at one time, six other large ballrooms, dining rooms where 5,184 persons can eat together and an exhibition hall containing 32,000 square feet of floor space. There is a two-ward hospital, a library of 10,000 volumes, and children's recreation rooms where guests may check their youngsters. Travelers arriving with pets will find a special "menagerie" room for the entertainment of the animals and a chef delegated to cook for them. Almost any sort of a pet, from a canary bird to a kangaroo, can be kept here.

To care for the guests' needs, the largest private telephone switchboard in the world was installed. This consists of 3.800 lines with 340 city trunks and positions for twenty-one operators, an equipment so large that 72,000 calls can be handled every twenty-four hours. In all, the hotel has between 2,500 and 3,000 employes.



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POPULAR MECHANICS
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The Stevens' electric generating plant is large enough to supply all the needs of the average city of 12,000 families. In the heating and power plant, there are seven boilers, an installation sufficient to run all the generators that would be required to supply light for a city of 250,000 inhabitants, and the 5,000 radiators in the hotel have enough heating surface to warm 450 five-room bungalows. If used just for making ice, the refrigerating system could produce 300 tons daily.

In planning the building, the decorators constructed models of the actual rooms and worked out the arrangement of furniture, color schemes and frescoes in these replica rooms as though they were actually

in the hotel itself.

PUNCTURE-SEALING INNER TUBE REDUCES TIRE TROUBLES

Equipped with a thick section of rubber, vulcanized as an inner tread, a tire tube now on the market seals punctures by compression when inflated and cushions the tire against rock-shock bruises. It is said to outlast four or five sets of casings. The tube is not intended to be proof against such injuries as long cuts or rips, but will promptly seal a hole made by a



nail, tack or similar object after it is withdrawn, and, while the article is in the rubber, it is gripped so tightly that air leakage is said to be impossible. The tubes

are especially serviceable on trucks and busses where saving of tires is essential.

FOUND IN AUSTRALIA 2 3 5 6

Oil to the value of nearly \$16,000,000 has been taken from shale deposits in New South Wales, according to recent reports. Some 40,000,000 tons of the material were located there two years ago and vast resources of lower-grade shale recently have been found. New Zealand has discovered wealth in its deposits of peat, which contains heavy oils suitable for fuel and other substances valued as disinfectants, etc.



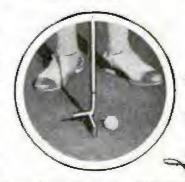
Stationary Bicycle Riding for Exercise and Reducing; a Speedometer under Handlebars Gives the Mileage

RIDING ON ANCHORED BICYCLE GIVES REDUCING EXERCISE

Beneficial exercise, to develop endurance and reduce weight, is afforded on an anchored bicycle for gymnasium use. It is equipped with a speedometer to keep track of the number of miles pedaled. The unit affords practically all the benefits of bicycle riding without the dangers and discomforts of actual trips.

SIGHT ATTACHED TO GOLF CLUB

So that the club may more easily be placed in accurate position for making a putt, a sight for the golf iron has been devised. It is about two inches long and has a slight



groove cut in it for its whole length. With this aid in sighting there is said to be less likelihood of knocking the ball to the right or left of the hole.

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Beautiful Figurehead from the Clipper Ship "America," Mounted in Private Grounds on Puget Sound

FIGUREHEAD OF CLIPPER SHIP NOW GARDEN DECORATION

One of the best preserved figureheads in existence is that from the Yankee clipper ship "America," now mounted in a private park on Puget sound. It is said to have been inspired by the head on the American dollar and is carved in wood. An interesting development of the figurehead is seen today in the "mascot" pieces on automobile radiator caps.

MOVIES FOOL CATS AND BIRDS 4 BUT DO NOT INTEREST DOGS

Dogs do not take the slightest interest in motion pictures, but cats, birds and snakes respond to the shadows as though they were real, tests by a German scientist have disclosed. The experiments emphasized distinctions in animals according to the development of their senses, whether they rely more on the sense of smell or on the eye. The dogs paid no attention even when pictures of other dogs were shown. The only exception was when a little dachshund ran up to the screen, sniffed at the people shown on it and then suddenly

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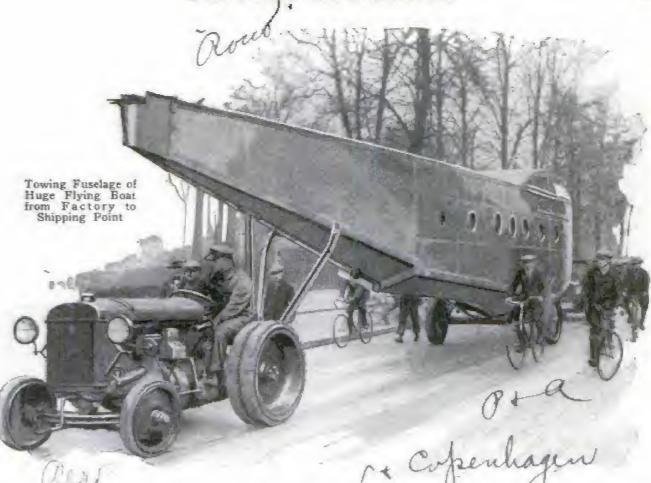
lost interest, apparently satisfied that the figures were not real. Cats bristled defiance when a large dog appeared on the scene, domestic fowl exhibited fright at the sight of a hawk hovering over a field, and wild birds showed different degrees of interest. Keen-eyed owls displayed almost human attentiveness to the screen, and an excitable rooster flew repeatedly at an imaginary enemy on the film. When pictures of flies and worms were shown in their natural size on a white screen, various reptiles snapped at them and evidenced astonishment when they caught nothing.

JEFFERSON AS AN INVENTOR HONORED AT CELEBRATION

Ceremonies incident to the observance of the 184th anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birth included reference to some of the things the third president invented. Among these was a duplicator, much like similar articles in use today. It was a double-pen arrangement, a mechanical one moving with that held in the writer's hand so that two inscriptions were made at once. The copier was demonstrated by a student of the university of Virginia, which Jefferson founded. He also devised a revolvingtop table, improvements in the moldboards of plows, built much of his own furniture, designed and planned his home and maintained a sort of manual-training school for his slaves.



Student in Colonial Costume Demonstrating the Duplicating Outfit Invented by Thomas Jefferson



HAS CREW OF THREE

Built at a German factory for the Scandinavian service, a huge flying boat has a carrying capacity of ten passengers and a crew of three men. The size of the ship

is apparent from the accompanying photograph, taken while the fuselage was being towed from the factory to the steamer.

DEALING IN WALRUS WHISKERS ONE OF QUEEREST TRADES

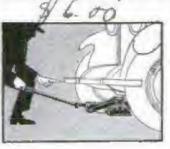
In New York's Wall street district, is a woman who makes her living extracting cinders and other foreign bodies from the eyes of pedestrians and motorists on windy days. She is known as "Cinderella," patrols her "beats" regularly and leaves the amount of her fee to the patients. One of the queerest occupations shown by census reports is that of a man in the state of Washington who buys walrus whiskers and sells them to the proprietors of Chinese restaurants for toothpicks. Another, man is employed in packing houses to smell hams. He can quickly determine by the odor if they have soured around thebone in the process of curing. A family

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a comfortable living as models. They pose in the shop windows to display the latest styles, while the daughter's role is to openly admire her parents' costumes. Teaching parrots to talk is the occupation of one man who conducts his "classes" in a series of soundproof rooms. Making upholstered dolls' furniture, collecting sea shells for jewelry and other ornaments and fashioning caricature dolls from dried apples, are other queer callings discovered by the census takers.

LOW JACK FOR BALLOON TIRES HAS TELESCOPING HANDLE 193

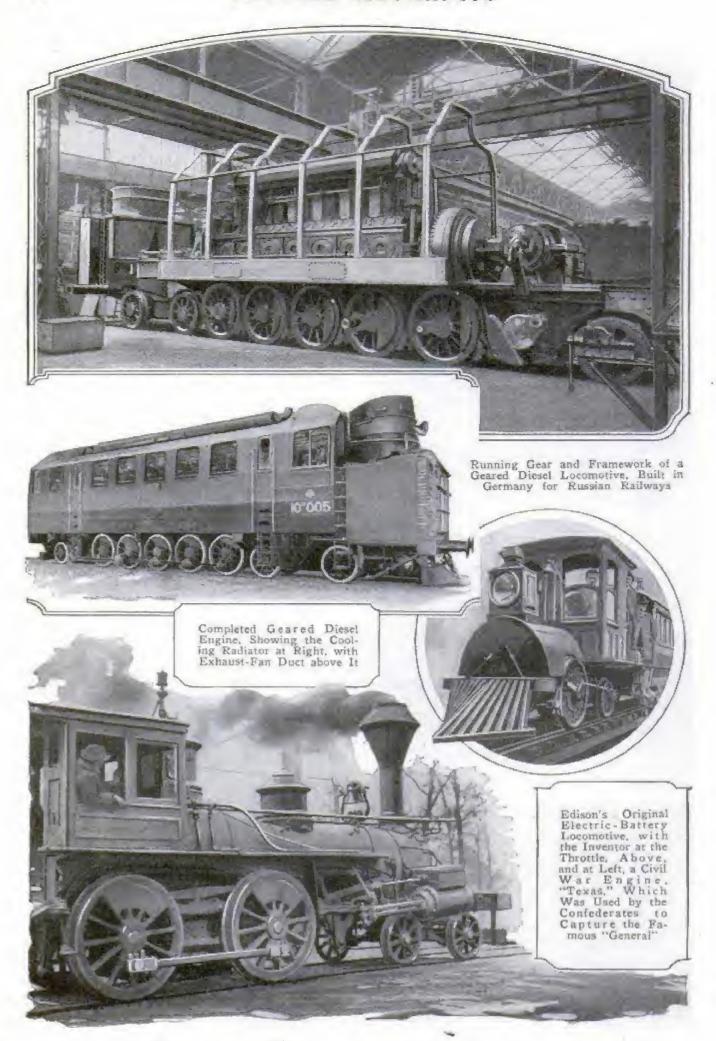
Because of the extreme range of its lift, an automobile jack now on the market is



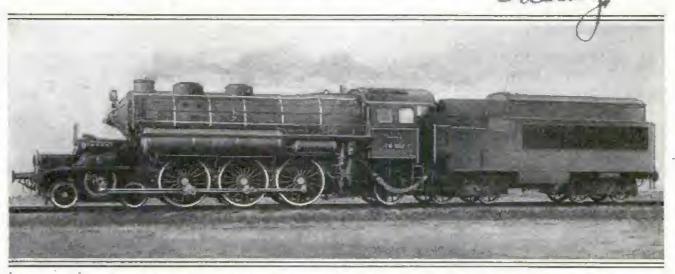
especially suited for cars equipped with balloon tires. It can be lowered to four and three quarters inches or raised to fifteen and one-half. It has a three-foot

handle that can be telescoped to occupy small space when not in use.

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Turbine Locomotive Built in Germany That Eats Its Smoke and Drinks Its Steam, Using Same Water Over and Over by Condensing Exhaust, Thus Eliminating Stops to Replenish Supplies

Engines Eat Their Smoke and Drink Steam

New Turbine Locomotives Eliminate Stops for Water and Get Last Ounce of Power Out of Coal by Consuming the Waste

THE poor old steam locomotive, whose speedy demise was predicted by fanciful writers a dozen years or so ago when mountain roads first began experimenting with electric operation, has come back, stronger and better than ever before.

Monsters that develop 2,500 horsepower, that drink their own steam, so they do not have to stop to take on more water, and that eat their smoke, eliminating its waste, have been developed abroad, while in this country huge three-cylinder engines are hauling freight trains at passenger-train speed, and big new passenger locomotives are being decked out in the bright colors of a passenger automobile, the Baltimore and Ohio having just put into service twenty monsters, painted in olive-green and striped in red and gold.

Just now the interest of the railroad world is centered in new turbine locomotives recently produced in Germany and England. The German unit develops 2,500 horsepower from a high-speed turbine, which replaces the usual cylinder arrangement. The turbine has a maximum speed of 9,000 revolutions per minute. It is placed over the forward trucks, just ahead of the boiler, and transmits its power through reduction gearing and side rods. The big economy comes through the saving of fuel and water. The exhaust steam, instead of wasting in the open air, is con-

densed into hot water and passed through the boiler again. Being at a high temperature after condensation, it requires little coal to convert it into steam again. All stops for water are thus eliminated.

Another interesting locomotive developed in Germany is a Diesel-electric engine of 1,200 horsepower, in which the power is transmitted to the wheels through direct gearing. The problem of power transmission has been one of the drawbacks to wider use of internal-combustion engines for railways, and has been only partially solved by the Diesel-electric combinations being built in this country. In the German locomotive, which was designed by and built for the Russian state railways, four clutches are used, one between the motor and the gear box and the other three operating the different gears.

The new electric locomotives of the Great Northern are unusual in that the current used to pull the train is generated in the locomotive by a motor-generator set, the motor being driven by power taken from the trolley wire. The arrangement permits the use of alternating current in the trolley wire and a direct-current motor drive. Alternating current is much more economical both to generate and deliver over long distances at high voltages, while direct current is best for motors requiring a high initial starting impulse.

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SEARCHLIGHT GUN FLASHES PICTURES ON CLOUDS



ing upon atmospheric or cloud conditions, has been introduced by an eastern company for advertising and amusement purposes. In appearance, it somewhat resembles a cannon with a tapering barrel painted a battleship-gray. The light is placed at the rear, the lenses are in the barrel, and a slot is provided for inserting the slide to be projected. The lenses are so arranged that the image is in constant focus at any distance more than twenty feet from the end of the barrel. Changing colors can also be produced.

"FUR" COATS OF ARTIFICIAL SILK 132 HATEST FASHION NOVELTY

Artificial silk is now employed in the manufacture of many fabrics that formerly could be woven only from the natural product. These include taffeta, crepe de chine, foulard and other materials. Some of the threads are almost as fine as those of a spiderweb, and special methods of color blending have been developed in the

dyeing processes. One of the most successful of the fabrics is artificial-silk fur. It is being made up into coats which are difficult to detect from those of leopard,

THERMOMETER IS EASILY READ THROUGH MAGNIFYING FACE

So that it can be read from various an-



a circular glass thermometer has a magnifying face which enlarges the igures. In addition to this feature, the usual numbers on the scale are supplemented by larger ones on the sides of the indicator

with marks leading to corresponding posi-

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WHISTLES INAUDIBLE TO MAN 39

In Germany, dogs are employed extensively by the police, but the problem arose how to call or whistle for them without warning a suspect being pursued. A solution was reached by testing the dogs' ears. It was found that they can detect sounds above the audibility limit of the human organ. Patrolmen were therefore equipped with whistles that produce notes totally inaudible to the human ear but which can be heard distinctly by the dogs. A "silent" signal system was developed for giving them orders.

CLOCKWORK IN LAWN SPRAYER REDUCES WATER WASTE

At a recent exhibition in Europe, a clockwork garden or lawn sprayer, intended to irrigate a rectangular plot without waste or needless overlapping was shown. The nozzle is made to swing in a vertical plane by means of the mechanism which runs for three hours with one winding. This insures directing the water where it is most needed and prevents moistening ground that should be kept dry. The sprinkler will cover from 2,700 to 4,300 square feet and can be adjusted to project spray of varying fineness.



Clockwork Spray Nozzle in Operation; It Runs for Three Hours on One Winding

From al lystrierte



To Make It Easier to Tell Time by the Sun; the Curved Dial Which Requires No Calculating

CURVED SUNDIAL EASILY READ AND SET FOR LATITUDE

Most sundials are more ornamental than practical, for calculations must generally be made to tell the time accurately with An indicator designed by Julius Wangenheim, a regent of the University of California, is said to eliminate this objection, registering the hour as closely as a watch and requiring no computation. It is a curved bronze plate so adjusted that it can be set for any latitude. Corrections are worked out with curved lines, and the measurements are indicated for the longest as well as the shortest day. Plans have been made to set replicas of the dial at various places on the university campus, to aid students in reaching their classes on time, and at Mt. Hamilton, where astronomers may consult them.

DUTCH WINDMILLS DECREASING

More than forty-five per cent of the windmills in Holland have been removed or demolished since 1923, according to a report from an official mill association in that country. About four years ago, there were 3,604 mills, but since then the number has decreased by 1,626

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ICE FACTORY FOR KITCHEN USE TAKES LITTLE POWER



Kitchen-Size Ice Plant That Utilizes Electricity or Gas and Is Rapid in Operation

From ten to sixteen pounds of ice are frozen for home use in only one hour, in a refrigerating unit recently demonstrated in Germany. It utilizes electricity or gas and is said to be not only simple to operate but inexpensive in maintenance.

LONGER-LIVED CARS ARE SEEN

"Fast" rear axles and four-speed transmissions promise not only faster cars but less vibration, noise, engine wear and lower fuel consumption. One maker already has announced a car with a "twinhigh transmission," and from the interest automotive engineers are displaying in this development, it is predicted that several similar cars will be seen soon. Fourth, or top gear, is direct-drive, as usual, while third speed is secured by gears which are so constructed that, when running on third, the noise is almost inaudible. Therefore, since third gear is almost as silent as high gear, it is, from a practical standpoint, another high. Gear shifting is just as simple-with a four-speed transmission as with the conventional three-speed type. First gear is only for emergency use to

pull the car out of deep snow, mud or sand. In other words, the average driver might run his car a year without ever having occasion to use first gear. Engine noise and wear are proportional to the speed and, since the motor makes more revolutions with the slow axle to attain a given speed, the use of a higher gear ratio results in greater quietness and longer life. The average reader probably will be surprised to learn that the fast axle does not increase the maximum speed very much. Five miles per hour additional is about the top, and in many cases the increase will be less. The explanation is simple: If it requires fifty horsepower to drive a certain car sixty miles per hour, nearly sixty horsepower will be required to drive the same car sixty-five miles per hour. The average slow axle is a compromise between hill-climbing ability and smooth running on the level—a compromise because it isn't fast enough for ideally smooth, silent running under the high road speeds now in vogue, and because it isn't low enough to climb all hills on high; therefore the interest in four-speed transmissions, which are already in general use abroad.

MUDGUARDS ON LADIES' SHOES

To shield the stockings from splashes on wet days, protecting guards are quickly adjusted on women's shoes. They fit neatly around the back of the ankle and



Stocking Guards in Place; They Are Quickly Adjusted and Are Made of Washable Material

extend up far enough to cover the part that usually is most likely to be spattered. The shields are washable.

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Mapping the Submarine's Playground, a Survey Boat, with Angle Observers, Recorder and Leadsman at Work, the First Fixing Their Position While the Last Measures the Depth

Navy Charts Sea Bottom for Submarines

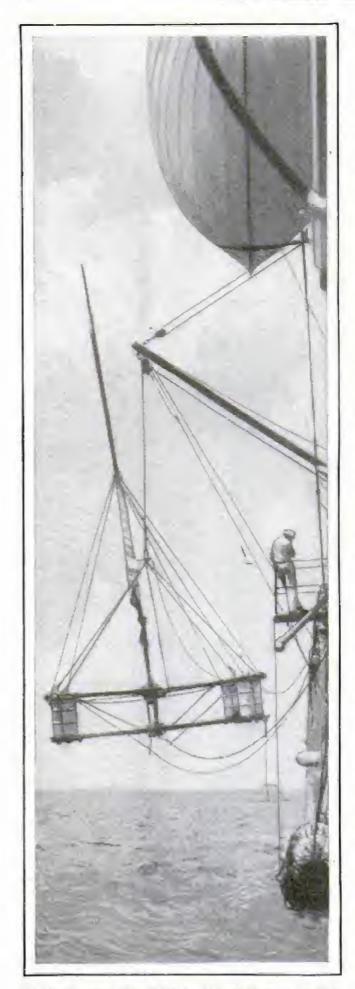
Gulf of Panama to Be Explored to Save Canal Defenders from Coming to Grief on Uncharted Shoals or Rocks

CHARTING of the sea floor in the Gulf of Panama and at the Pacific approach to the canal has been undertaken by the navy to make the underwater safe for the growing fleet of submarines based at the canal to protect it in event of war.

The surface of the gulf and the shoals that reach near enough to the surface to endanger shipping are well charted, but the underwater depths are not so well known, and the charts in many cases are incomplete and incorrect. The U.S.S. "Niagara," one of the three hydrographic-office ships working in southern waters, has been assigned the task, following the successful completion of one of the most difficult surveys of recent years, the charting of 6,400 square miles along the coast of Venezuela and the running survey of the Gulf

of Venezuela, a piece of work that consumed fully two years.

The Venezuela survey was made especially difficult by the high wind that blows almost constantly through the gulf, averaging thirty-five miles an hour day after day. The high wind, in fact, was so constant, that, after two years' study of the weather, the only successful prediction that could be made was found to be that "the wind will blow hard tomorrow." Because of the wind, landing parties, set ashore to erect tall tripod platforms for the survey boats to take sights on, frequently were marooned and unable to return to the ship for many hours, or even days, while the surf on the unprotected sand beaches made it impossible to send a boat ashore and food could reach the men only



Having Dropped One Floating Signal, Seen in the Distance, the Survey Mother Ship Is Launching a Second to Serve as a Guide for the Boats

when it was lashed to timbers and floated to land on the waves.

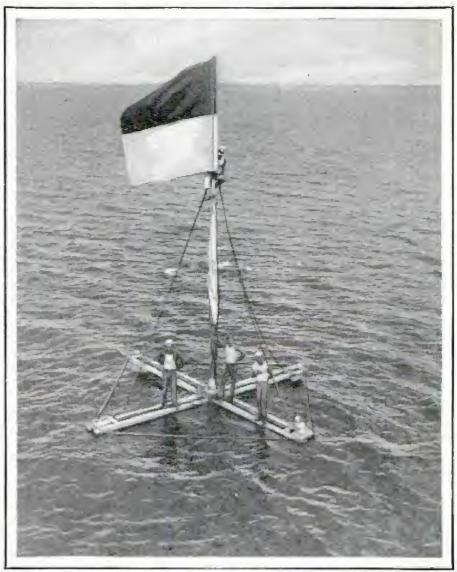
In one section of the gulf, the surf was so bad that no boats could be landed; so the shore crew had to be sent miles around to the lee of an island, from which they walked over the sand dunes. The timber for the tripods was thrown overboard to be washed ashore, and all tools, supplies and food were floated to land. The only life along the sandy beach consisted of cameleons and iguanas, giant lizards, with an occasional hunting party of Guajira Indians, armed with bows and arrows.

Owing to the difficulties in landing, the surveying crew obtained no recreation except for a few hours once a month when the "Niagara" went to the Dutch town of Willemstad, Island of Curacao, to replenish its stocks of food, water, fuel and other supplies. The visits were limited to two and a half days, most of which was taken up with loading supplies. The Venezuelan survey is of much importance because of the discovery of oil fields in the vicinity of the city of Maracaibo, where concessions have been obtained by several American companies. The Gulf of Venezuela terminates in a sand bar, at San Carlos island, which forms a division between the gulf and Lake Maracaibo. Ships drawing more than fourteen feet cannot pass over the sand bar, so all supplies for the oil fields are carried in by light-draft ships, and the oil is taken away by specially designed tankers drawing less than fourteen feet of water. Hundreds of the oil derricks stand in the lake itself, which also is quite shallow.

Sea surveying not only requires soundings to find every submerged rock and shoal, but also their accurate location on the map. In inshore work along a coast, the tripods or towers, erected on high points along the beach, are fixed on the map, and all bearings taken from them, while farther out markers are erected on floats, held in place by anchors. Building the big shore towers is a task in itself, for the lower ends of the legs are made of four-by-four-inch timbers, forty feet long.

The other two survey ships in southern waters, the "Hannibal" and "Nokomis," have been working in Cuban waters for five years and have completed the charting of all of the south coast of the island and the Isle of Pines and are now working around the north coast toward Havana. They are being assisted by a pair of amphibian airplanes which photograph the area to be charted from the air. The photographs, when pieced together, show the bays and points accurately, giving locations for landing shore parties, and also show sand dunes, hills, forests and shoals and channels beneath the water. Unfortunately, however, they cannot show the depth of water, so the channels and shoals must be sounded.

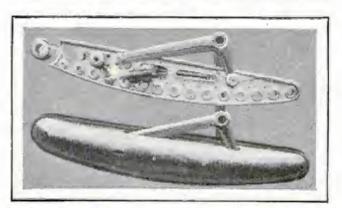
Each of the surveying ships has a large fleet of small craft to help with the soundings. The "Hannibal" numbers among her auxiliaries two large barges, a house-boat to provide extra living quarters for officers and men, two 110-foot sub-chasers, and six forty-foot steam launches.



Floating Signal Launched and Anchored; the Survey Boats Get Their Exact Bearings from It for Several Miles Around

ENDLESS-TRACK LANDING SKID HELPS PLANES ALIGHT

Endless-belt landing skids to take the place of wheels have been introduced for airplanes in France and have been favorably received, according to reports, as they are said to reduce the chance of the



Views of the New Airplane Landing Skids, Showing the Belt Construction

plane overturning, simplify the task of landing on rough ground and are adjusted to ease the shock. The belt, or "traveling track," is mounted on a set of ball bearings between two aluminum shells.

LIFETIME OF A WATCH 230 5

Experts say that the lifetime of a good watch is fifty years. In its daily duties, the balance vibrates 18,000 times every hour, or over 157 million times a year. The hairspring makes a similar number of vibrations and an equal number of ticks come from the escapement. This is a marvelous record, considering the small quantity of "food" that has been consumed by its constant action. Experts say "food," because whatever labors must be fed, and the watch "lives" on about sixteen inches of mainspring every twenty-four hours.

Cont. Edwin Varine



Ribbons Being Spun into the Ligature: They Are Still Saturated with a Sterilizing Solution to Insure Cleanliness

SPUN IN HOSPITAL

Making catgut for surgical ligatures is one of the activities at a London hospital. Profits derived are used to treat out-patients and to provide more beds. The material usually is spun from the intestines of sheep and must be thoroughly sterilized in order to make it aseptic and safe for usage.

BILLIARDS AN ANCIENT GAME

That the game of billiards was known many centuries ago is revealed in the writings of a Thracian historian who states that such a sport was played in Greece as early as 400 B. C. Another record shows that an Irish king, in 148 A. D., bequeathed "fifty billiard balls of brass with pools and cues of the same material" to one of his heirs. English adventurers on the first crusade brought back from Palestine a game of staff and balls, played on a table and similar to the modern pastime. The original game is believed to have been played out of doors on the ground. The name is derived from the old English word

"balyards," itself a survival of the Norman, "bal" for ball and "gyard" or "yard" for stick. By 1674, almost all towns in England had a public billiard table. The game was played, with broad, pointed cues, curved so that, when the handle was rested on the shoulder, the other end of the cue was flat on the table. It was manipulated with one hand and pushed against the ball with an easy shove. The tapered cue did not come into popular use until about the close of the eighteenth century.

RAILS KEEP ROAD OPEN WHILE IT IS PAVED

To protect the subgrade of the highway during the construction of concrete paving, a western contracting firm made use of steel channels, laid as a railroad, so that trucks could be driven to the mixer without damaging the founda-

tion prepared for the cement. The track was quickly laid and taken up, bent members were easily straightened by inverting them, then running a loaded truck over them, and the only depressions requiring attention as the mixer was moved forward



Steel Roadway for Trucks That Protected Subgrade
While Pavement Was Being Constructed

were two narrow slots at the points where the flanges of the tie had been partly driven into the ground.

Charles C. Otterson



Bathing Hour in a Stockholm School; Each Pupil Has a Separate Tub Assigned for Individual Use like the Desks, and Baths Are Taken at a Specified Time Each Day

BATHTUB FOR EACH PUPIL AIDS HEALTH IN SWEDISH SCHOOL

As a part of a campaign to promote health and eliminate disease among the school children in Stockholm, Sweden, the board of education has installed individual bathtubs for the pupils. The tubs are assigned like the desks, which are also of the individual type, and specified periods are set apart for their use. While the children are bathing their clothing is fumigated.

BRAINS AND BEAUTY 2332

Can genius be detected by facial expression, is a question yet to be solved by science. Socrates and Lincoln are notable examples of geniuses whose looks were not in keeping with their brilliant On the other hand, Byron and Shelley were both attractive in appearance, so there is no ground for assuming that mental "beauty" and facial are connected. One peculiarity of many great men is that their faces are not the same on both sides. This can be tested with a photograph. By covering half of it and then comparing the two parts, two distinct faces will sometimes be revealed. An explanation of this is suggested by the fact that, since the left

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side of the brain controls the right side of the face and vice versa, an unusually developed right or left brain, as in the case of a genius, might cause a different expression on the other side of the face.

AUTO LOCKS WITH BRAKES SET AT TOUCH OF FINGER /9/



Secured at a touch of the finger and released only with a key, a transmission lock for Fords is so arranged that when the emergency brake is pulled back, the auto is locked, out of high and low gear and with the brakes The motor set. may be started, but the car cannot be

driven away and nothing is likely to be broken. The lock is in an accessible position, does not interfere with the pedals while driving or hinder servicing the car. It weights about thirty-two ounces and is placed high enough to escape floor dirty.

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Examining the 10,000-Watt Lamp, and Picture of the Beam, Showing Its Concentrated Layer Effect That Reduces the Glare, Yet Illuminates the Landing Field Brightly

LAMP CASTS LAYER OF LIGHT FOR AIRPLANE LANDINGS

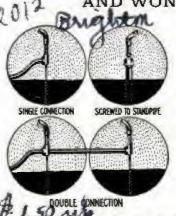
To facilitate night landings at airplane fields, a 10,000-watt electric-light bulb has been devised to shed a brilliant gleam to a height of about ten feet above the ground and down the entire length of the average airport runway. The radiance is directed in such a manner that it does not shine into the flyer's eyes, and it makes the field visible from a considerable distance to help guide the pilot. A lens of somewhat the same construction as that in a lighthouse is used to spread the rays,

NUMBER CODE FOR ODORS

dors are divided into four main classes and can now be expressed in a number code which chemists have devised to simplify their processes. Under this system, there are fragrant, acid, burnt and caprylic odors, each of the four groups affecting a different set of nerves. Numbers of four digits are used in the code, each digit expressing the relative intensity of the odor's From two to four sprinklers may be con-

For instance, the effect on the nerves. odor of the rose is 6423; of acetic acid, 3803; of freshly roasted coffee, 7683. By means of these figures, in combination with a set of standards now being developed, it will be possible to use the code either fore complete description of odors or for identifying them from the numbers. eago Butter Osros.

LAWN SPRINKLER MAKES RAIN AND WON'T CLOG



Operated singly or in series, a lawnsprinkler nozzle now on the market will not rust or clog and has a special spreader blade that directs "raindrops" over a 👔 wide circle. It is secured by a spike...

which is simply stuck into the ground and may be adjusted at different angles for watering half-circle plots and corners.

Comercian Cherrical Doubly

nected to the same line of water supply and operated from a single faucet. The nozzle may also be screwed to a standpipe or to an elbow frame and · pulled about as wanted without the need of shutting off the water.

GLASS ROOF LIGHTS HOUSE WITHOUT WINDOWS 21

Almost complete seclusion from the outside world is said to be afforded in a novel house in Hollywood, Calif. . It has no windows, the walls being of massive concrete two stories high. The rooms are arranged about

an interior court and receive light through glass in the ceilings. Other features are a tall fountain with golden tiles in the center of the house, an entrance decorated with concrete blocks set in odd pattern and a small lily pond near the sidewalk, surfaced with glass and gold-leafed tiles, which lend a rich color to the entrance. building is said to present the effect of a cloister as almost all sound is excluded by the massive concrete walls and the lack of side windows, and the occupants cannot see the outside world



Balls Made from Inner Tubes Are Strong, Resilient and of Convenient Size for Exercising

RUBBER BALLS OF INNER TUBES GIVE HEALTHFUL EXERCISE nitchell car

A Los Angeles inventor has developed a new use for old inner tubes. Those that are still resilient are cut into proper lengths and formed into balls for exercising. They can be made into various sizes from that of a football to a pushball,

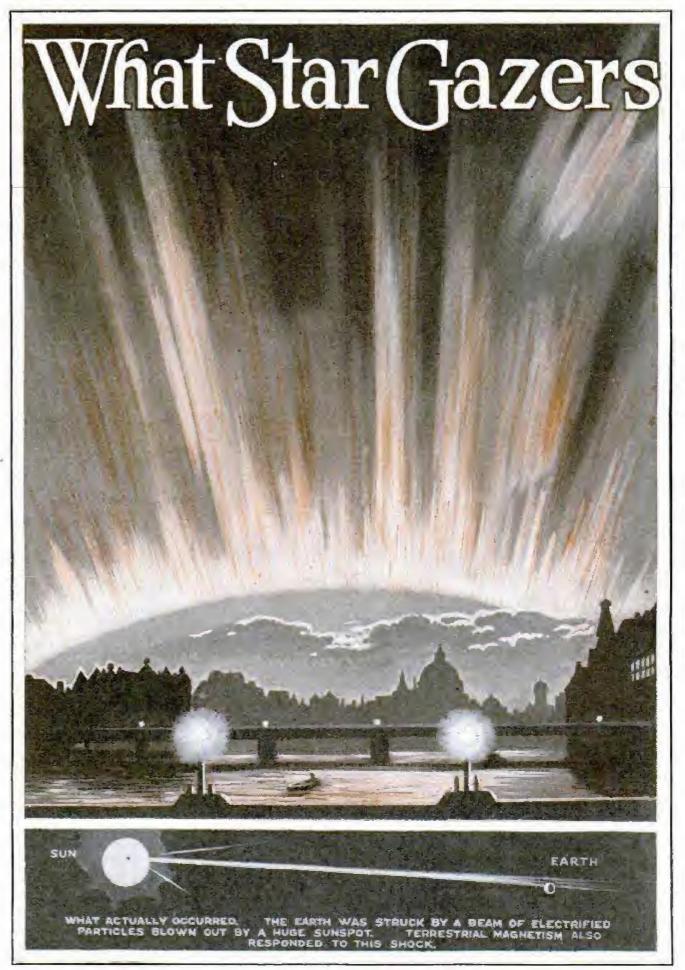
LONGER ENGINE-WHISTLE TOOTS REDUCE ACCIDENTS

Giving the longest and loudest toot at the end of the crossing whistle, instead of "two long and two shorts," has helped reduce accidents on several lines. One reason is that, with the old signal, the most noise was made when the engine was farthest from the crossing. With the new warning, the loudest and longest blast comes just before the locomotive reaches the road. One railroad had twenty-eight fewer crossing accidents during the year after the new signals were adopted.



Entrance to the Sheltered House; Note the Windowless Walls at the Sides

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THE practical place in the scheme of things of an astronomer spending his nights studying the stars is one of the mysteries that often puzzle a layman. Yet two or three of the biggest discoveries of the last ten years were made possible by the work of these scientists.

Take your radio, for example. Did you know that an astronomer, viewing the eclipses of some of the eight moons of the planet Jupiter, made the initial discovery that led to the finding of radio waves? Or if you have ever seen the big dirigible "Los Angeles" slipping along in the clouds

overhead, did you know that the helium gas with which it is filled, and which, being noninflammable, makes it safe, was first found in the spectrum of the sun by an astronomer? No one knew that such a gas existed until it was found on the sun, and just about forty-nine years passed before it was discovered in commercial quantities as part of the natural gas in Kansas and Texas.

Those are just two typical examples of how the seemingly useless work of studying the stars bears practical fruit.

Yet the astronomers who make these and similar discoveries are dealing with objects so far away that it wasn't until 1920 that the diameter of one of the biggest of all the stars was actually measured. With their telescopes, they conquer distances so great that a beam of light traveling 186,000 miles a second must speed not only years but often millions of years to reach them. They study light waves that started on their way to earth before



Ferdinand Ellerman, of Mt. Wilson Observatory, Studying Sunspots at the Bottom of a 150-Foot Mirror Tower

the dawn of recorded history, and are just now arriving.

Imagine a tennis ball to represent the sun, and you will have to place a grain of sand twenty-three feet away to represent the distance to earth, with their respective sizes. And then another tennis ball, to represent the nearest star, will be 1,100 miles away from your grain of sand.

The discovery of helium gas on the sun preceded its discovery, in commercial quantities, on the earth by about fifty years. Often it takes longer than that to find the practical application of the astronomer's discoveries, and seldom less. Some of them never yield results that can be measured in dollars and cents, but many do, and all are interesting.

Lockyer, in 1868, found a new gas in the spectrum of the sun while studying the flames shooting out from its surface. The gas was new because the color of the line representing it, when analyzed by the spectroscope, was distinctly different from

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cently completed a lifetime's work to fix the exact speed, it differed but a few miles from those first calculations.

Maxwell, following in Roemer's footsteps, concluded that, to travel at such a speed, light must be electromagnetic, and deduced that, if that were true, there must be other waves invisible to the eve. Hertz found them, and gave them his name: Marconi made them transmit dots and dashes and De Forest made them carry sound, so radio arrived. But the credit goes back to an as-

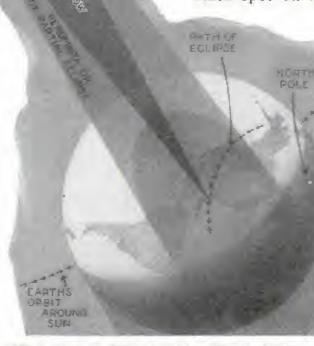
tronomer watching an eclipse of a distant planet's moons. The latest discovery-and it is far from complete yetreveals the influence cyclonic storms on the sun have on our weather. Only the rudiments of the theory have been worked out and tested, but some day it may be possible to predict our weather not only days, but weeks in advance.

> The sun's storms are nothing but hurricanes. like those that sweep the Caribbean sea and the Florida coast, but on a much grander scale. Instead of a speed of a hundred miles an hour or so, they move farther than that

> > in a second, and, instead of being composed of air, they are hurricanes of flaming gases. A hurricane on the earth revolves around a central calm which may be twenty miles or so across. Our whole world, and several more like it, could be placed side by side in the central vortex of such

> > > storms on the sun.

They get their name of sunspots because this central vortex photographs as a black spot on the



What Happens When the Moon Passes between the Sun and the Earth, and Eclipses the Former; the Zone of Total Darkness Is About Fifty Miles Wide



anything previously known. Twenty-eight years later, traces of the same gas were found in uraninite, and for the first time scientists knew MOON'S OFBIT that it was present on earth as well as in the sun. More years passed, and it was discovered that helium was a product also of the disintegration of radium. Still more years and then, during the World war, Kansas housewives began to complain that the natural gas supplied them for cooking was deficient both in heat and light. A university professor was sent to investigate, and found in his samples that helium, a noninflammable, inert gas, was to blame. Its extraction in paying quantities from Texas gas wells followed.

The discoveries that led to radio likewise were partly due to the sun. Roemer, watching the eclipses of Jupiter's moons, discovered they came sixteen minutes earlier when Jupiter and the earth were both on the same side of the sun than they did when the two planets were farther apart, with the sun between them. He deduced from this observation, that transmission of light was not instantaneous. and that the difference in time represented the longer distance the reflected light had to travel. From that he figured that light traveled at a speed of 186,000 miles a second, and when Dr. Albert Michelson re-



Like Some Gigantic Prehistoric Dragon; a Flaming Storm on the Sun, Leaping 300,000 Miles into the Air

astronomer's plate. But it is only a comparative black, for actually it is a flaming zone far brighter than the brightest limelight, brighter than the greatest searchlight ever built. It is only in comparison with the intense brightness of the rest of the sun that it appears black.

Besides influencing our own storms, the cyclones of the sun are the cause of the aurora, or northern lights. When sun storms are near the sun's equator, the aurora flames up in the north, and the nation's telegraphic and radio communications go out of business.

Our moon, a dead world whose chief function is to reflect sunlight at night and



Enlarged Picture of a Sunspot, Above, Showing a Giant Whirling Tornado of Fire, Brighter than Any Flame on Earth, but So Dull Compared to the Rest of the Sun's Surface That It Photographs Black; the White Line across Its Center Is a Bridge of Calcium Flame, 20,000 Miles Long; at Left, a Pair of Sunspot Storms as They Appear in Relation to the Entire Disk

supply us with illumination when the sun is busy on the other side of the earth, serves an equally important part for the astronomer, for at periodic intervals, it gets between us and the sun, causing an eclipse to let the astronomer study the vicinity of the latter, untroubled by the intense glare of its normal aspect.

An eclipse discloses the sun's corona, a vast belt of greenish-gray haze, extending for millions of miles into space, and traced with lines emerging from the sun's poles just like the magnetic lines



set up when iron filings are sprinkled over a paper above a bar magnet. The corona is partly electrical and, probably, partly gaseous.

It is believed to

have an effect on our weather.

Improvement of radio, elimination of static interference, and kindred subjects all may come with a better knowledge of the sun's corona, and of the electrical effect of sunspot storms.

Photographs of the sun's spectrum, and pictures which separate and record individual gases, have shown the cyclonic nature of the storms whirling about the central

vortex. Along the sun's rim the vertical height of the flames can be measured—some of those photographed have extended as far as 500,000 miles into space. They change form almost every moment, assuming weird and fantastic shapes. One is called the "woolly elephant" because of its likeness to that beast, and others resemble huge prehistoric monsters. Sometimes vast masses of flaming gas rise upward, and then separate their visible connection with the sun, drifting off into

space as flaming clouds. Series of pictures taken at intervals during the day show the process of the formation, and the eventual separation of sun and flame.

Even the dark vortex spots themselves at times are bridged by flaming gas. A flare of calcium vapor, leaping 30,000 miles across the darker spot is visible in one picture on the preceding page.

When flames can flare a half million miles into space, bridge 30,000-mile gaps

at a single leap, and go on raging through centuries of time, there is a vast amount of useful power going to waste. To catch some of the sun's power, whether in the form of direct heat or electrical energy, is the dream of science. Langley and Abbott estimate that the energy given off by the sun in a single hour is equal to that which would be produced by burning a fifteenfoot laver of the best hard coal over the whole surface of the sun. That



Rare View of the Northern Lights, from a Photograph Made above the Arctic Circle, Top, and. Center, One of the Rarest Sights in the Heavens, the Corona of the Sun during a Total Eclipse; for a Few Seconds Only the Vast Glowing Ring of Diffused Light Is Visible



Most Observatories Are in the Northern Hemisphere, But Here Is the Lick Observatory Branch under the Southern Cross in Chile

part of the sun's energy which reaches the earth as heat is only an infinitesimal fraction of the whole, yet it is estimated to be the equivalent of no less than about 265,000,000 horsepower.

Sun motors, as an experimental fact, have been made to work, catching the sun's rays over a large area, concentrating them, just as a burning glass does, on a small space to heat the water in a boiler and generate steam. Dr. Abbott, at Mt. Wilson observatory, has built a sun cooker in which he prepares the family meals, utilizing heat that comes 93,000,000 miles through space.

The cooker and the sun engine have not yet reached the stage of general application. Much remains to be done in the realm of pure science before we succeed in harnessing the sun to do our work. If it is eventually done, and it seems quite possible now, to the astronomers will belong the credit for having paved the way through their studies.

SENSE OF SMELL GUIDES BEES

That the sense of smell is the bee's chief guide in its quest for honey is the conclusion of Prof. Karl von Frisch, a German authority. He declares that when the bees return to the hive after visiting the flowers, they perform a sort of dance on the honeycomb and give out a particular perfume, depending upon the kind of flower from which nectar has been taken. The other bees gather around, and take the scent as a clue. If it is that of the rose, they hunt for roses. The bee does not give out the "scent signal" unless it has more nectar than it needs. The sense of

smell is also believed to aid the bee
in finding its way
home. Moving the
hive to a new location has been attempted in an effort
to mislead the bees,
but they continue
the search until
their home is found.
The experiments
were conducted in
the Munich botanical garden.

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BIRDS FOR STUDY KEPT IN CASE TO PROTECT FEATHERS

Due to handling, stuffed-bird specimens used by classes often become damaged in



Bird Specimen in Transparent Case for Study Can Be Handled without Damaging Feathers

a short time. To eliminate this, Prof. William S. Wright, of the natural-history museum in San Diego, Calif., has devised a small case of transparent material in which the bird is protected, but may be viewed from all angles. On the base of the stick of wood used for mounting the specimen is a descriptive legend.

REAR-DUMP TRUCK HAS CRANE

In handling garbage, cleaning out sewer manholes and in similar work, a closed, rear-dumping truck seen in Germany, can

be operated by one man with much less inconvenience than with open vehicles. A special feature is the swinging crane to help in loading. This has a lift of 770 p unds and with the tilting body mechanism, is operated by the truck motor. The crane is swung by means of a lever.



Garbage Truck with Its Loading Crane Saves Lifting Heavy Cans by Hand

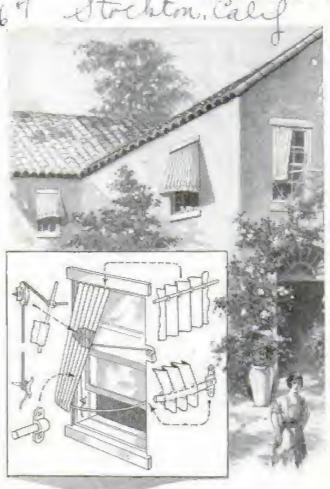
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POPULAR MECHANICS



Drawing of Awnings Installed, and Diagram Illustrating How They Are Attached and Operated

SIDE-PULL WINDOW AWNINGS FOLD IN SMALL SPACE

Manipulated from side to side, like a theater pull-curtain, a window awning recently introduced is easily installed, simple to operate and, when not in service, can be drawn to a compact fold. Adjustments are made by a small rope. The awning is less exposed to weather and fire hazard if left in folded position.

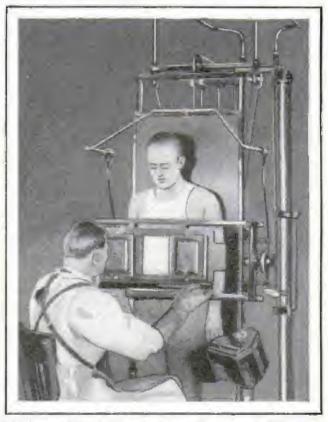
BOLT OF LIGHTNING STRIPS WALLS FROM HOUSE

What may happen when a radio set with outside aerial is not properly grounded and provided with a lightning arrester, was demonstrated recently when a bolt struck the home of a doctor in Stillwater, Okla., and stripped all four outer walls from the house, leaving the undamaged roof supported by the interior partitions. Seven occupants, who were asleep, woke up in public, but uninjured. The lightning apparently enveloped the entire house in a curtain of rarefied air, while the interior pressure blew out the

walls. In nearly every room the bolt played queer pranks. Clothes which had been sent down the chute to the laundry were sucked back up to the second floor, a vase of dried flowers was emptied of its contents and, in two bedrooms, shoes were forced under the partitions and held there by the toes.

NEW X-RAY CAMERA CONTROL AIDS IN DIAGNOSIS

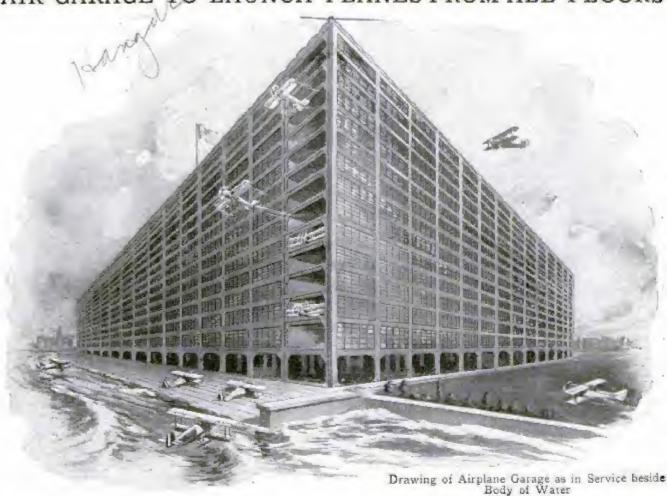
Taking the X-ray photograph at exactly the right time is essential in many cases, for instance, in studying the stomach, for its movements sometimes give a clue to diseased conditions. This is now possible in a control unit by which the operator may change from the current being used for visual examination to that required for a radiograph or X-ray photograph and back again to the visual, fluoroscopic current. This is done simply by pressing foot levers on the control so that the operator need not leave his seat to turn a switch or make other adjustments. He can thus record conditions at the instant desired. As the films are exposed, they are shifted into a magazine, and when all six on the machine have been used, the holder is lifted out and the films developed.



Making a Visual Examination; Operator Is About to Move Film In for Taking X-Ray Photo

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AIR GARAGE TO LAUNCH PLANES FROM ALL FLOORS



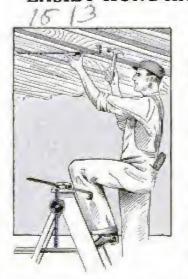
Huge garages for airplanes are suggested as the next step in aviation, their usefulness being more and more apparent They could be aras flying develops. ranged so that the craft might taxi up by land or by water, if the location permitted, enter the lower story and then be elevated to the different floors on special lifts. A landing space on the roof also has been suggested. Mooring masts would be erected at the airports for dirigibles. One student of aviation predicts that in the near future every air "flivver" will be equipped with a parachute on the wings, so that safe descents could be made in case of accidents. The support would be released by the pilot and would permit the plane to settle easily to the ground. 2368

LIFE OF A FREIGHT-CAR WHEEL SIX AND ONE-HALF YEARS

Cast-iron freight-car wheels weigh from 650 to 850 pounds each and their average life is six and one-half years. In that time, they will travel 100,000 miles and more. They suffer greater wear from the brakes

than from the tracks and for that reason, as well as for safety in stopping the train, rigid tests are made to keep the air brakes working properly and the shoes in correct adjustment.

OUTLET FOR ELECTRIC CURRENT EASILY HUNG AND CENTERED



Quickly attached with one nail, an electric-current outlet-box hanger simplifies installations and is convenient where wall or ceiling conditions present difficulties with the ordinary type of apparatus. The box itself rests on a bar and may be slid to the

extreme end so that it can be exposed at the desired place whether the joists are arranged for such opening or not.

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Acetylene-Gas Generator in Automobile; It Is Said to Reduce Expense of Running the Car

ACETYLENE GAS AS AUTO FUEL CUTS COST OF MOTORING

Reductions of forty to sixty per cent in the cost of operating an automobile are reported from France as a result of using acetylene gas instead of gasoline for fuel. An engineer has devised a small generating plant attached to his automobile which is said to assure a constant supply to the carburetor. The motor has been adapted for the use of acetylene gas only.

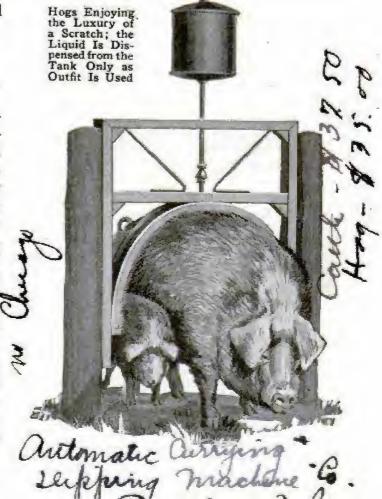
2353 LATEST CITY PROBLEM TRAFFIC JAMS IN ELEVATORS

Crowded city streets have long presented problems and now the task of carrying thousands of persons up and down in the elevators of huge buildings requires expert traffic management. It is no longer Schedules are arranged left to chance. to meet rush hours. One New York building has seven, with skip-stop and express service at different times. Half of the employes are due to arrive at 8:45 in the morning and the rest at 9 o'clock, to reduce the congestion. The same interval is applied at night. Automatic elevators that stop at any floor desired by pushing a button as the passenger enters and doors that operate automatically by compressed air are now widely used to speed up service. A building in lower Broadway has a synchronizing clock arrangement that keeps

all the elevators the proper distance apart, so that they arrive on the ground floor in time to depart at thirty-second intervals. A white light tells the operator when to start up, a red light gives the signal for going down and a green light flashes when he should be midway on his "route." In another building, a dispatcher, hidden from the public, keeps constant watch on the elevators' movements by means of a lighted board and flashes directions to passengers, telling them when a car is not in service, or will not stop at a certain floor, etc.

CURRIER AND OILER FOR STOCK

Suitable both for cattle and hogs, an automatic currier and dipping outfit is so arranged that the liquid is dispensed only when the machine is used, and has curved brushes which fit over the animal's back, giving treatment to a large area. A shutoff valve is opened by the action of the brushes and is closed again to prevent waste of oil. The unit is rigged sturdily between posts and is not likely to get out of order. Stock raisers who have used it say that the animals soon learn how to operate it and show marked improvement.



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Bringing Back the Packets



Loading a "Bayou Packet" of Louisiana, Where the River Boats Still Ply on the Thousands of Miles of Shallow Rivers and Bayous, the Only Roads of a Vast Inland Area

By H. H. DUNN, 27 22 Brence

REPLACING passenger and freight trains, motor stages and motor trucks, even ousting steam-driven craft and eliminating horse-drawn vehicles, what is probably the largest fleet of small commercial craft in the world handles the greater part of the inland traffic of two states. There are more than 3,000 motorboats in this busy fleet.

They are the successors of the famous steam packets of half a century and more ago on the Mississippi, the Missouri, the Ohio and other rivers. Known as the "Little Packets of the Lower Mississippi," their field of operation is the vast network of inland waterways which lace the interior of Louisiana west of the Father of Waters, and, to a less extent, the state of Mississippi on the east.

The surface of the Mississippi was more than fifteen feet above the city of New Orleans when I stepped on board the "F. and J." Logs, timbers, whole trees, came rushing by on the yellow current of the flooded river when this 100-ton motor packet turned her nose into and across the stream to the company canal locks at Westwego. Three small cabins on the upper deck cared for two other passengers besides myself. Below, the main deck was

piled high with merchandise of all kinds. There was a piano, a traveling motion-picture projection machine, whose owner and operator was a fellow voyager; a diving outfit for a man at Grande Terre island; a complete soda fountain for a little town on the Bayou Barataria; a marine gasoline engine for a fisherman, building his own boat in the heart of the "Great Marsh"; a sack of steel traps for a musk-rat hunter on Lake Salvador, and innumerable boxes and bags of merchandise for keepers of small stores, all the way from a point on Lake Cataouatche south to Grande Isle.

The overhanging deck of the "F. and J." cleared the waters of the Mississippi by less than a foot, but the captain knew his river, and we came into the lock dry and safe. There we were let through slowly, gently, and with no regard for time, by an ancient and deliberate negro, white of hair, hands on a long pole let into the capstan of the lock gates, walking in a circle about the steel spool.

Once inside, the river gates were closed, and we looked down more than fifteen feet into the quiet waters of the canal below. Slowly the inner gates opened, and we dropped gently with the seeping waters



Small Gasoline Freighter Coming down a Bayou of the Great Marsh of Louisiana, Where the Packet Ships Still Ply

to a level with the artificial stream. At last the cypress doors, more than thirty feet high, swung open, the bell jangled in the little engine room, and we were clear of the river.

Passing through a fleet of more than 200 small freighters, taking on gasoline, oil, and a few of them ice for shrimp and fish cargoes on their return, we moved slowly down the stream, into the long, black, cypress-bordered Bayou des Allemans, on whose banks, in some remote, almost prehistoric day, "the Germans" must have lived, to give the stream its name. Passage of these narrow canals and bayous, few of them more than 100 feet wide and most of them narrower, is essentially slow, and when we met, as we did, four returning freighters, all smaller than "F. and J.," we had to pull as close to the bank as possible, and stop, so that our wash might not overturn them, or throw them into the opposite banks.

From boat to boat there was a cheery hail, and from one, evidently manned by descendants of those Acadians of whom Evangeline was one, floated a sturdy baritone voice: "O Jean Ba'teese, pourquoi?
O Jean Ba'teese, pourquoi?
O Jean Ba'teese, pourquoi you grease
My leetle dog's feet wit' ta-a-a-a-ar?"

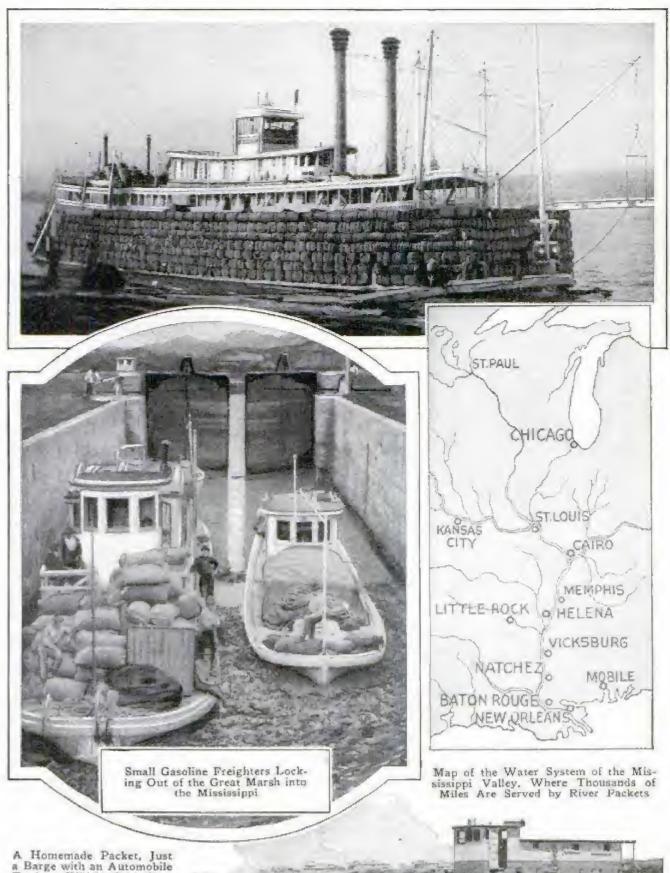
There is more to this song, in which "Jean Ba'teese" replies at length regarding his reasons for applying the tar, but the answering singer, another boatman, and his song, were lost around a bend in the bayou.

Where a man waited in a twenty-foot motorboat at the bank of the bayou just before we reached Lake Cataouatche, we halted long enough to pile high his craft with packages of merchandise from New Orleans. Cash passed from the dark-skinned Cadien to the captain of the "F. and J.," who had been his purchasing agent as well as transportation man. This was only one of several times when storekeepers on side streams in the great marsh, or private dwellers in the "Trembling Prairie," met us with their boats and took off goods ordered several days before, when

the motor packet had passed up on her way to New Orleans.

So we passed onto the lake, across it, down the Bayou Couba into Lake Salvador, delivering goods here, picking up cargo there, greeted everywhere as the connecting link with the outside world, until darkness overtook us on long, shallow, storm-swept, tricky Barataria bay. Pulling over to a little bayou, the captain anchored the "F and J." Darky deckhands put up screens around the forward end of the lower deck, and we ate. screens in the improvised dining room, I listened to stories of the great marsh, including one of the mermaid of Grande Terre, until the tellers tired, and we slept, in our own bedding, on cots below, or in the little cabins above.

Motion of the boat awoke me in the morning, but we had not covered more than a few miles before two trappers in their small motorboats hailed us and the captain took on bales of skins to be sold in New Orleans and the receipts, less a reasonable commission, returned to the owners, who would meet him at the same point, at the same time, one day of the



A. Homemade Packet, Just a Barge with an Automobile Engine. Which Supplies Gasoline and Oil to the Marsh Freighters, at the Right, and at Top of Page, the Mississippi Steamer "America," with a Deck Load of Cotton; She Is One of the Largest and Finest Boats Plying on the Father of Waters, and Still Keeps Alive the Traditions of Mark Twain's Days

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With a Portable Organ under a Tarpaulin on the Forward Deck, This Gas Packet Is Heading into the Great Marsh of Louisiana, Carrying a Missionary and His Equipment to His Post

next week. When we had circled to Manila village and other settlements on the bay and on some of the surrounding bayous, much of our merchandise was gone, but in its place, "F. and J.'s" deck was well filled with produce of the great marsh, to be carried back to New Orleans. Passengers between the villages and the fishing camps came and went. Boats met us and took off merchandise or passengers. Gasoline was supplied to a fishing boat which had suddenly gone dry, and another with a broken propeller was given a tow to the nearest village.

So, serving and being served, the little packet moved, as important in her place and service as any transoceanic liner, until we passed the old and abandoned Fort Livingston, crossed the millrace current which rushes out into the Gulf of Mexico and rounded to at the end of the journey, on the lee side of Grande Isle. There, in a village of a few hundred fishermen, trappers and truck gardeners, we unloaded the last of our cargo from the city, finished loading with the products of the great marsh, and, the following morning, turned back to the Mississippi for the return trip to New Orleans.

Just as regularly, thousands of other passenger and cargo packets of this, probably the largest fleet of motorboats in any one industry in the world, carry the products of civilization to dwellers on one of America's last frontiers—the great marsh of Louisiana. Others go north, others west, on inland voyages which last two or three weeks, and still others east to Mississippi, and even Alabama and Florida, just as we had gasolined south to the rim of the gulf, through the haunts of the last of America's pirates—Jean Lafitte and Dominic You—on Barataria bay.

FAN HIDDEN IN LIGHT FIXTURE FOR BETTER VENTILATION

Besides improving the appearance of a stoom, a type of electric fan concealed in



the base of the chandelier is said to give greater comfort, as it has a slowly revolving reflector which breaks up the direct blast of the blades. It is regarded as beneficial in winter as well as summer for keeping the

air in motion as an aid to health and more efficient ventilation.

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STRENGTH OF RADIO RECEPTION DEPENDS ON SUN , 3 (3

That the strength of long-distance radio reception appears to be almost wholly a function of the variation in the sun's radiation is the conclusion of government experts. Dr. L. W. Austin, of the bureau of standards, made a three-year study of radio reception, comparing the curves that he plotted with curves for solar radiation prepared for the same period by the Smithsonian Institution. The curves correspond almost exactly. It was also found that the sun's radiation varies according to a definite period. This has been measured at twenty-five and two-thirds months.

AUTO SHOP SO COMPACT IT IS HAULED IN TRAILER

To meet the needs for more plactical, compact repair equipment, a small benchlathe for the machining of armatures, valves, bushings and other parts, in the garage or service station, has been devised. In demonstrating it, use was made of a small automobile trailer with the machine and attachments complete, so that the various functions of the lathe could be clearly illustrated under actual shop conditions. It was operated by a small electric motor, and correct methods and tools for executing various jobs were shown.







Compact Electric Lantern, for Railroad Service, Has a-Red and Two White Lights

THREE-LIGHT SIGNAL LANTERN AIDS RAILWAY SAFETY

A particular advantage of an electric lantern for railroad service, is that it provides three lights, two white and one red, and has space for carrying an extra bulb. This insures operation even if one of the lights is extinguished. Another one is lighted simply by moving a switch. One of the white lights is focused as a "spot," and is said to illuminate car numbers for easy reading as far away as 100 feet. The red is used for signaling, and is visible for a mile, the manufacturers assert.

SAND MODELING FOR CHILDREN DEVELOPS SKILL 2 3 7 9

School children of Cape Town, South Africa, look forward to the annual sand-modeling contest held on the beach at one of the suburbs near by. Between 200 and 300 compete and are divided into classes according to age. Several subjects are prescribed for each class, and there is an open contest in which modelers of any age may compete, choosing any subject they desire. Novel effects are obtained by the use of colored chalks and other materials to add realism to the figures.

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Running an Engine Moise to Its Source with a Stethoscope That Reaches Constricted Places

AUTO'S KNOCKS AND SQUEAKS TRACED BY STETHOSCOPE

A conveniently portable stethoscope which can be carried in the door pocket has been invented to detect and locate engine trouble. The device also can be used to run down the exact location of body squeaks and other noises. It has the usual ear tubes and rubber connections of the doctor's outfit, but the diaphragm is sturdily housed to protect it from damage,

and is fitted with a brass rod, several inches long, to reach out-ofthe-way spots under the hood. Owing to the brass casing over the diaphragm, which is of the full-floating type, the stethoscope can be dropped or struck without suffering any damage.

RADIO AT WATER TANK BROADCASTS LEVEL AUTOMATICALLY

An automatic radio-broadcasting station is owned and operated
by the waterworks department of
Akron, Ohio, to send reports from
the city reservoir to the municipal
pumping station, fifteen miles
away. It is on the air every hour
of the day, except between eight
and eleven o'clock in the evening,

to broadcast the height of the water in the reservoir so that the pumping-station attendant will know how much water to send through the city mains. Before the radio installation, the work was done by telephone which was not always satisfactory, but the wireless plan costs practically nothing to operate, was placed at little expense and requires no attention save winding a master control clock once a week. This clock closes a circuit for fifty seconds, bringing various relays into operation and sending current to the transmitter which broadcasts one of ten different signals to denote a corresponding level in the tank.

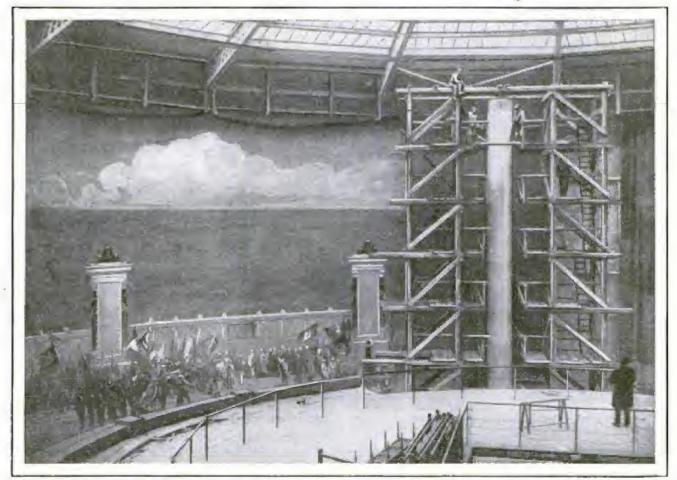
BUSHEL-BASKET FRUIT PACKER

Filling a well-packed bushel basket almost as fast as the fruit can be placed in it is now possible with three simple aids for the worker. One is a metal lid with a series of grooved rings in it. The others are a metal shell without top or bottom and a sleeve cardboard liner. A layer of the fruit is fitted tightly into the rings of the lid; the shell, with the liner inside, next placed on, filled and then removed. The basket is then slipped over the cardboard, turned right side up and the lid taken off. The fruit is thus attractively arranged and the lining protects it from moisture, rubbing and beginning.



Various Steps in Preparing the Basket with the Packer, and View of the Grooved Lid and Lining

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Rolling Up the Huge War Painting for Shipment; the Enormous Canvas Was Wound on a Reel Which Was
Transported in a Special Truck to the Steamer for New York

THREE-TON PAINTING OF WAR SHIPPED TO AMERICA

Special apparatus was required for dismantling and handling the huge "Pantheon de la Guerre," a painting sent to this country recently from France. The canvas is forty-five feet high, 363 feet long and weighs about three and one-half tons. It was wound vertically on a special roller, placed in a sealed case and carried to the shipping port on a truck designed for the purpose. The work depicts scenes from the World war and has been viewed by thousands from all over the globe,

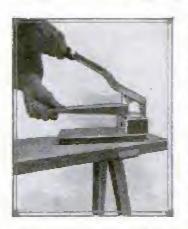
REINDEER FURS NEW INDUSTRY IN ALASKA 2340

Reindeer skins of certain grades are being used in the fur trade, many having proved superior to pony and calf hides. They are suited for making coats and, in the hands of skilled furriers, are prepared to resemble mink in texture and color. About 15,000 hides from fawn and young calves are available in Alaska each year,

and these are considered particularly desirable because of their light weight and strength. Many of them were previously wasted, but the new demand has developed an additional source of revenue.

SAFETY WOOD-SPLITTING KNIFE SUBSTITUTE FOR HATCHET /88 8

For splitting kindling wood without danger to the fingers, a German inventor



has devised a lever knife which is easily operated and said to be entirely satisfactory on small pieces. The blade acts as a wedge which can be applied with great force anywhere on the stick, or to produce splinters and

shavings. An additional feature is that there is much less wear on the chopping block, and the cutter will not get lost,

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42 Making Sketch by Sprink-ling Different Colored Sands on Wet Canvas Peter Van Land PAINTING WITH COLORED SAND

LATEST ART NOVELTY

Fine sand, dyed in various hues, is used by a California artist instead of oil paints or water colors, in preparing novel sketches. They are made on wet canvas so that the sand will stay in position. No brushes or other tools are used, the grains being sprinkled on by hand.

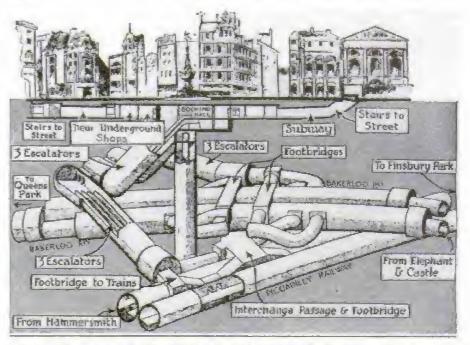
SAVING OF OLD NEWSPAPERS 1362- TO SPARE FORESTS

Thousands of acres of forest could be saved yearly in the United States if the waste newspapers were collected and put through ink-removing processes. It is estimated that over 300 tons of papers might be collected daily in the city of Chicago and converted into more than 200 tons of clean paper ready for This would use again. mean a daily saving of the cut of many acres of trees. Experiments have shown that a saving of about \$15 a ton can be made in paper manufacturing by de-inking mills. In 1922, the United States used more than 8,000,000 tons of paper. The daily consumption of newsprint is approximately 7,000 tons, of which nearly half could be used again.

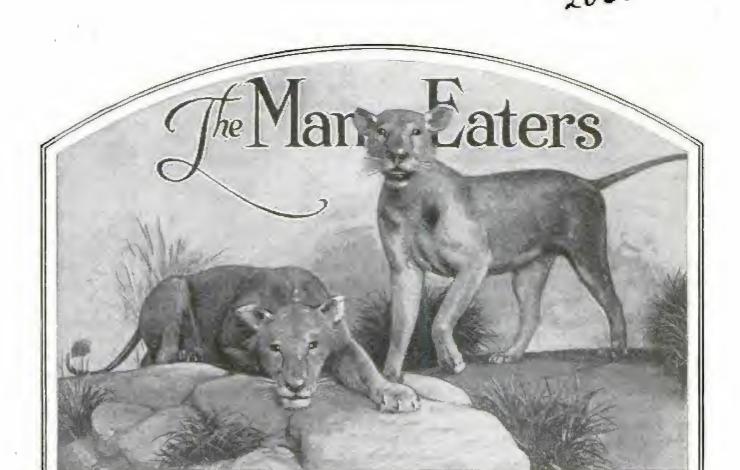
SHOPPING CENTER UNDER HEART OF LONDON

Beneath Piccadilly Circus, in the heart of London, amid a tangle of passages to subway trains, a number of brilliantly lighted fashion shops have been constructed. Here customers may see

latest styles in dresses, jewelry and other articles, and many things which the passenger may have forgotten to buy on the street will be available just before taking the train. It is planned to install electric stairways to the upper, outside levels for the convenience of patrons. Numerous difficult engineering problems had to be solved in construction of the tunnels. During the digging, bits of fossilized trees were found, indicating the existence of an ancient forest on the spot and a fossil oyster shell was also picked up, showing that the district was once under the sea.



Part of the Labyrinth beneath London's Streets; the Shopping Section under Piccadilly Circus Seen at Upper Left



Courtesy Field Museum of Natural History

The Tsavo Man-Eaters as They Appear Today, Stuffed and Mounted in the Field Museum of Natural History;
They Devoured 135 Men Before Col. Patterson Killed Them

By LIEUT. COL. J. H. PATTERSON, D. S. O. PART II

I COULD not understand what they had found to eat, for I had heard no commotion in the camps and I knew by bitter experience that every meal the brutes obtained was announced by shrieks and uproar. The only conclusion I could come to was that they had pounced upon some poor, unsuspecting native traveler. I knew, of course, that it must be a man they were eating, because they would touch nothing but human flesh.

After a time I was able to make out their eyes glowing in the darkness, so I took as careful aim as was possible and fired. The only notice they took was to carry off whatever they were eating and retire over a slight rise which prevented me from seeing them. As soon as it was daylight, I got out of my crib and went toward the place where I had heard them growling, and on the way whom should I meet but my missing guest, Mr. Whitehead, looking very pale and ill and generally disheveled.

"Where on earth have you come from?"

I exclaimed. "Why didn't you turn up to dinner last night?"

"A nice reception you give a fellow when you invite him to dinner," was his reply.

"Why, what's up?" I asked.

"That infernal lion of yours nearly killed me last night," said Whitehead.

"Nonsense, you must have dreamt it," I cried in astonishment.

"That's not much of a dream, is it?" he asked, turning around and showing me his back.

His clothing was rent by one huge tear from the nape of the neck downward, and on the bare flesh there were four great claw marks showing red and angry through the torn cloth.

Without further parley, I hurried him off to my tent where I bathed and dressed his wounds and when I had made him comfortable I got from him the story. It appeared that his train was very late, and it was quite dark when he arrived at Tsavo. He set out afoot along the railway track

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to my camp, accompanied by Abdullah, his sergeant of askaris (police), who walked close behind him carrying a lighted lantern.

All went well until they were about half-way through a gloomy cutting when the man-eater suddenly jumped down upon them from the high bank, knocking White-head over like a ninepin and tearing his back in the manner I have described. Fortunately, my friend had his rifle and instantly fired. The flash and the loud report must have dazed the lion for a second or two, enabling Whitehead to disengage himself. But the next instant the brute pounced like lightning on the unfortunate Abdullah, with whom he at once bounded up the bank and made off.

The lions had now established such a terror that practically all the men deserted in a body and fled back to the coast. The few who remained with me slept in trees or perched on the top of water tanks so as to be out of reach of the man-eaters.

A few days after the death of Abdullah, I was leaving my inclosure soon after dawn, when I saw a native running excitedly toward me, shouting out, "Simba, Bwana, Simba" (Lion, Master, lion), and



Love of Finery Is Also a Characteristic of African Women, Though They Are Not Highly Civilized

every now and then looking behind him as he ran. On questioning him, I found that one of the man-eaters had tried to break into the camp by the river, but, being foiled in this, had just seized and killed a donkey and was at that moment devouring it in the jungle close at hand.

I rushed for a heavy rifle and crouched and crawled from bush to bush, very anxious lest I should be discovered and the lion clear off. In a short time I had the satisfaction of hearing him crunching the donkey's bones and then, after a further short stalk, I saw the man-eater faintly outlined in the undergrowth.

But some uncanny influence seemed to guard this brute, for as I was taking aim, my guide put his foot on a rotten branch, and the wary beast, hearing the noise, growled his defiance and, before I had time to fire, disappeared into a patch of thick jungle. In desperation at the thought of his escaping me once again I ran back to camp, summoned all the available workmen and told them to bring every tom-tom, tin can, whistle and other noisy instrument that could be found.

As quickly as possible I posted them in a half circle as near as was safe to where the lion was hiding and gave the head jemadar instructions to start a simultaneous shouting and beating of the tomtoms and cans as soon as I had time to get round to the other side. I then circled rapidly behind the lion where I found a good position beside an anthill which the brute was most likely to pass when he left his hiding place.

Very soon I heard a tremendous din being raised by the advancing workmen and, almost immediately, to my intense joy, out into the open path stepped a huge maneless lion. Slowly and majestically he advanced along the path, stopping every few seconds to look round first to one side and then to the other, apparently not the least alarmed or flurried by the noise.

I covered him with my weapon, took a bead on his brain and pressed the trigger, but the gun misfired! Fortunately the lion was so distracted by the terrific din and uproar made by the advancing workmen that he bounded aside into the jungle and once more escaped.

After having heartily cursed the maker and owner of the rifle, I set off to take a



Heads of the Lions That Stopped a Railway; One Took Temporary Possession of a Station, Pacing Back and Forth on the Platform

look at the donkey for, of course, it would have been useless to follow up the lion in that tangled wilderness. I was delighted to find that only a small portion of the donkey had been eaten, and as I felt that the lion would return to finish his meal, I determined to be present to meet him.

Accordingly, as there was no suitable tree close at hand, I had a staging erected some ten feet away from the dead animal. This "machan" was about twelve feet high and was composed of four poles stuck into the ground and inclined toward each other at the top, where a plank was lashed to serve as a seat. Further, as the nights were still pitch-dark, I had the donkey's carcass secured by strong wires to a neighboring stump, so that the lion might not be able to drag it away before I could get a shot at him.

At sundown I took my position on my flimsy perch and, much to the disgust of my gunbearer, Mahina, I decided to go alone. I would gladly have taken him with me, indeed, but he had a bad cough

and I was afraid lest he should make any involuntary noise or movement which might spoil all.

Darkness fell almost immediately, there was not a breath of wind and everything became extraordinarily still. The silence of an African jungle on a dark night is most impressive, especially when one is absolutely alone. The solitude, the stillness, the purpose of my vigil, all had their effect upon me, and from a condition of strained expectancy, I gradually fell into a dreamy mood which harmonized well with my surroundings.

Suddenly I was startled out of my reverie by the snapping of a twig, and, straining my ears for a further sound, I fancied that I could hear the rustling of a large body forcing its way through the brush. Profound silence again followed. I sat on my perch like a statue, every nerve tense with excitement. Very soon all doubt as to the presence of the man-eater was dispelled. A deep long-drawn sigh—a sure sign of hunger—came from the bushes, and the rustling commenced again,

as he cautiously advanced. In a moment or two a sudden stop, followed by an angry growl, told me that my presence had been discovered, and I began to fear that disappointment awaited me once more.

But no; events now took a turn which made my blood run cold, for, instead of either making off or coming for his kill, the lion began stealthily to stalk me! For about two hours he horrified me by slowly creeping round and round my crazy structure, always out of sight, but gradually edging his way nearer and nearer. Every moment I expected him to rush the staging and it had not been constructed with an eye to such a possibility. If one of the rather flimsy poles should break, or if the lion could spring the twelve feet which separated me from the ground-the thought was not a pleasant one. I remember saying to myself, "There is a dead donkey down below there, but if there was a real live one, here he sits."

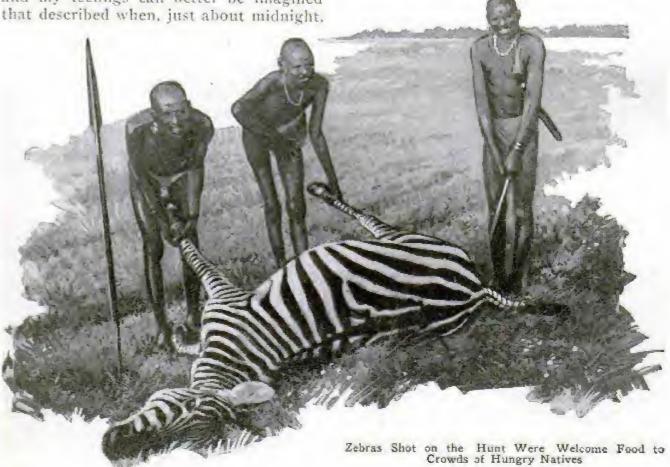
I began to feel distinctly "creepy" and heartily repented my folly in having placed myself alone in such a dangerous position. I kept perfectly still, hardly daring even to blink my eyes, but the long continued strain began to tell on my nerves and my feelings can better be imagined that described when just about midnight

something came flop and hit me on the back of the head!

For a moment I was so terrified that I nearly fell off the plank, for I thought that the lion had sprung on me from behind. Regaining my senses in a second or two, I realized that I had been hit by nothing more formidable than an owl, which had doubtless mistaken me for the branch of a tree. Not a very alarming thing to happen in ordinary circumstances, I admit, but coming at the time it did, it almost paralyzed me.

The involuntary start which I made when struck was immediately answered by a sinister growl from below. After this I kept as still as I could, though by this time I was actually trembling from the effects of the shock I had received. In a few moments I heard the rustling begin again. The lion started once more to stalk me, and presently I saw him move in the whitish undergrowth beneath. Before he could come any nearer I took aim and fired.

The sound of the shot was at once followed by a terrific roar and the brute began plunging about below me. I was no longer able to see him for he had leaped





Mr. Whitehead at the Spot Where Lion Attacked Him; Water Tank Fitted as Lion-Proof Apart-ment Rented at a High Figure; a Moment of Ease in the Jungle



into a bit of thick bush, but into this I kept firing until I had emptied my magazine. After a couple of mighty plunges and groans came complete silence, and then I knew that at last I had killed the dreaded man-eater.

As soon as I ceased firing, a tumult of inquiring voices was borne across the dark jungle from the men in camp about a quarter of a mile away. I shouted back that I was safe and sound and that the lion was dead. Whereupon such a mighty cheer went up from all the camps as must have frightened the denizens of the jungle for miles around.

Soon I saw scores of lights twinkling through the bushes. Every man in camp turned out, and, with tom-toms beating and horns blowing, came running to the



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scene. They surrounded my perch, and, to my amazement, prostrated themselves on the ground before me, saluting me with cries of "Mabarak! Mabarak!" (Savior, savior).

When we found the lion in the bush, the men laughed and danced and shouted with joy like children and bore me in triumph shoulder-high around our fallen I examined my trophy and found that my prize was indeed one to be proud of. His length from tip of toe to tip of tail was nearly ten feet and he stood almost four feet high, while it took eight men to earry him back to camp.

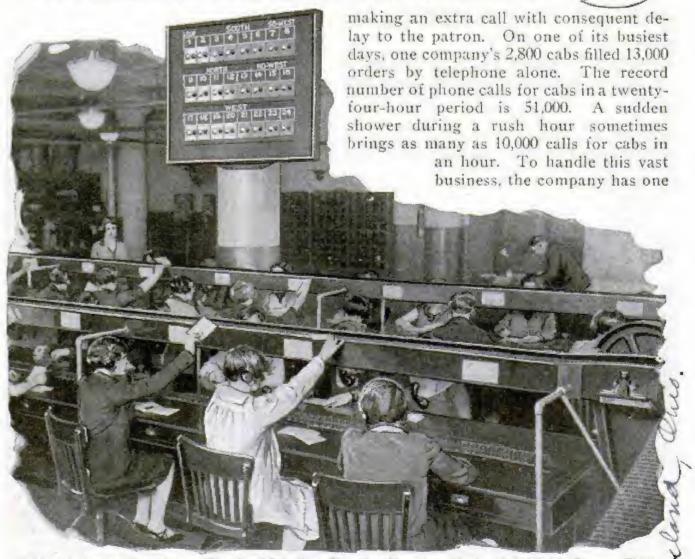
Our troubles, however, were not yet There was still the second maneater left to harry us and demand his toll of human life. Eventually, however, I killed him. These two man-eaters had carried off and devoured no less than 135 of my men. The surviving workmen, to show their gratitude, presented me with a huge silver bowl.

¶Veneer is being made by slicing blocks of wood instead of rotating and cutting

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FLASHING LIGHTS SHOW MOVEMENT OF TAXIS



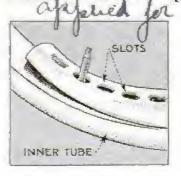
Taking Orders for Taxicabs; as Slips Are Made Out, They Are Tossed on Moving Belt Which Conveys Them to the Dispatchers; Big Light Board, Above, Shows if Cabs Are Available

"Sorry, sir, but we are not taking any more orders for cabs." It is a rainy night and you have just phoned for a taxi. How did the operator know that all the cabs were busy? The mystery is explained by two sets of electric lights on either side of the long tables where rows of order takers at the receiving switchboard can see them. The lights are yellow and red and are grouped to represent cab-stand locations in all sections of the city. A red light flashing for the stand that would have served the caller's order, signifies that no more cabs are available. A yellow light means a delay of thirty minutes. The little signals are controlled from a set of switches near the line of order dispatchers, girls at a huge switchboard connecting directly with all the cab stands. The dispatchers can give instant information as to how many cabs are ready for service at any time, saving the order takers from

of the largest private telephone switchboards in the world, with seventy operators. Many girls in other departments are trained to aid during rush periods.

TIRE FLAP WITH SLOTS FITS MANY DIFFERENT SIZES

Fashioned of a rubberized, fleece-lined cotton fabric, a tire flap now on the market



has seven elon-gated slots for the valve stem, so that it can be adapted to tires of every size with little adjustment. The ordinary flap with only one hole for the stem has to

be cut to fit a tire of a size different from that for which it was intended.

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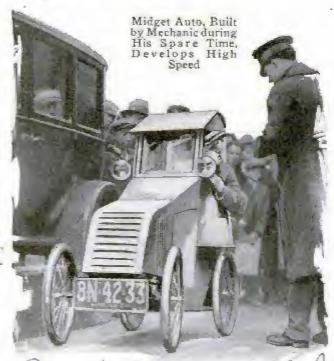
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AIR-MAIL PARACHUTE DELIVERY TO SAVE LANDINGS

What the mail-pouch-snatching devices are to the small towns where trains do not stop, the parachute may be in delivering letters from airplanes, recent tests by the navy indicate. Crates of canned goods, packages of food and other articles have been sent overboard from low-flying planes and reached the ground safely, kept from crashing by the parachute which is much the same as those used by the flyers Success of the plan would themselves. eliminate a number of landings and would speed the handling of the mails. have been made to determine what size of chute is best suited to the purpose. Small articles are sometimes picked up without stopping by using a lead line that grapples another to which the package is attached. This method has not been adapted to mail service, so far, being used only for relaying messages from the ground to the pilot.

MAKES FAST TIME

Twenty-eight inches wide and only five feet long, an automobile built by a New York mechanic during his spare time, can attain a speed equal to that of much larger cars, he declares. It is completely inclosed and comfortably accommodates one person.



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Berlin Water Tank Converted into Apartment House; Rooms Proved Popular Because of View

OLD WATER TANK AS DWELLING RELIEVES HOME SHORTAGE

Due to the house shortage in Berlin, it was found necessary to convert a famous old water tower into an apartment building. Floors, stairways and partitions were constructed and living quarters provided for several families. A feature of the arrangement is the unobstructed view afforded from most of the windows.

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FOLDING GUARD FOR FIRE HOSE

So that fire hose will not be damaged when run over by vehicles, a pair of hinged steel bridges, curved to fit over the hose, is quickly adjusted over the lengths. The guards fold up when not in use, are easily carried and weigh less than twenty pounds. They are conveniently stored in a fire truck, and serve to keep the streets open although the hose is down.

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NEW OVERNIGHT SLEEPING CAR HAS HOTEL COMFORTS

For travelers who make a single night's journey, a railroad sleeping car, recently



Views inside the Rooms of the Overnight Sleeper; Complete Toilet Pacilities Are Afforded, Meals Can Be Served in Them and They Are Arranged with Connecting Doors

partments and many of the conveniences of a modern hotel. Each room has a bed instead of a berth, a washstand, toilet and cushioned chair, folding table for writing or for breakfast service, storage space ventilation and heating to suit a wide variety of tastes. The rooms are arranged with communicating doors for the convenience of those traveling together and have entrance from a public aisle.

and a box under the bed, in which shoes are placed to be polished, waste basket and

racks for baggage. Three bracket lamps

furnish illumination and there is a small

STEEL GUARD IS WORN ON SHOE

Painful injuries to the feet and toes are suffered in many lines of factory and other work, due to accidentally dropping heavy

weights. To prevent these casualties, a steel guard has been devised. It slips over the shoe, protecting almost the whole

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foot and is capable of withstanding severe blows. In a test, a 200-pound weight was dropped upon the shield without damaging it. While wearing it, the wo ker's movements are scarcely impeded at all.

excitement adds to weight 9 2 26 OF CROWDS

Jumping up and down at a race or a football game, excited persons exert far more strain on a grandstand than the same number of spectators sitting still. Engineers must take this into account when constructing the seats, for the "weight of excitement" may result in mishaps unless due allowance is made for it. In building

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a grandstand, if the total weight of the persons to be accommodated is placed at 300 tons, for instance, a support strong enough to hold 1,000 tons will be made if the builders are wise, so that there will be a liberal margin for extra strain. A man crouching adds about sixty-five per cent to his weight in straightening up. Rising from a sitting position adds nearly eighty per cent, and it is possible, by getting up with a sudden jerk, to increase the normal strain on the support by more than 150 per cent. Another factor taken into consideration is the effect of vibrations from many feet beating in unison or the united sway of numbers of rooters.

OIL-ELECTRIC TUG COSTS LESS TO OPERATE 20 //

Maneuvered more easily than an automobile and able to turn around in its own length, an oil-electric tug has been added to the New York harbor fleet of an eastern railroad. Engines, propulsion machinery and rudders are all controlled from the pilothouse, the captain keeping one hand on the steering wheel and the other on the control lever with which he can vary the speed for ahead and astern movements. The tug is 108 feet long over all and has a twenty-six-foot beam. The average fuel cost per day in twenty-four-hour service is approximately \$45 as against \$156 for an



Father Ricard at His Telescope, and Map on Which He Records Position of Sunspots

SUNSPOTS ARE DRAWN ON MAP AS CLUE TO WEATHER

By studying the size and location of the spots on the sun, Father J. S. Ricard, of Santa Clara, Calif., known as the "Padre of the Rains," makes deductions and prophecies concerning the weather. He charts the spots with the aid of a record board in connection with his telescope.

According to his theory, these phenomena, weather cycles and the conjunction of the planets Saturn and Jupiter, are associated. The spots are believed to cause a decrease in solar energy and therefore lower temperatures on the earth if they occur in sufficient number and often enough. On the other hand, when the planets are in conjunction, it is thought that an abnormal fall of meteoric matter occurs on the sun, with a consequent increase in its heat, which will result in a hot dry season our globe.

For Rapid Service in New York Harbor, Oil-Electric Tug That Is Entirely
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By PAUL PADDOCK

FINDING fortunes in old chests smacks of pirate days and buried gold, but treasure that would make a pirate's palms itch is now discovered in old attics.

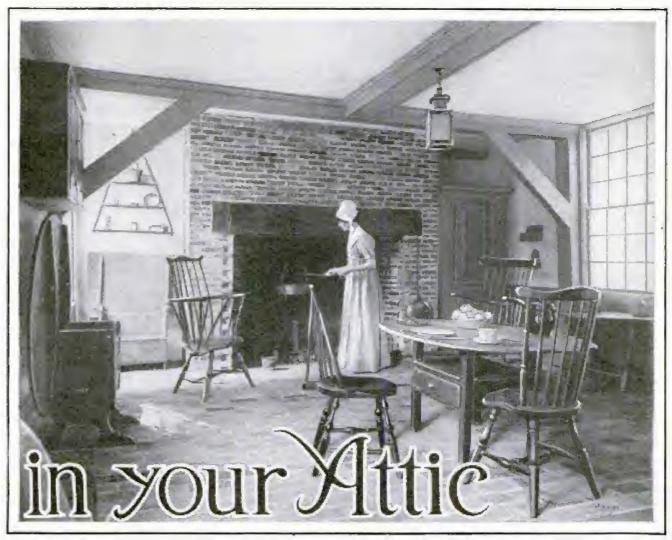
Rummaging in her garret a few weeks ago, a woman found an old platter that had belonged to her grandmother. She showed it to an antique collector who appraised it at \$1,000, for it happened to be a rare old blue Staffordshire piece decorated with an American scene. In an old scrapbook among a boy's possessions, what he thought was just a number of colored pictures turned out to be Currier and Ives prints worth \$100. A secretary desk that had been "knocking around" a farm house for years sold for \$1,000.

You, too, may find treasure in your attic, but the probability is that few, if any, of the old articles you locate, will have any startling value. The reason is simple. For nearly fifty years, collectors have been busy in this country. With few excep-

tions, the choicest pieces have been purchased. They are now in museums or in private collections. Of the antiques now available, reputable dealers and collectors assert that fully eighty per cent are either copied from genuine articles, are actually of mediocre value or worse, or are frauds, cleverly executed and difficult to identify.

But there are still many valuable things "at large," and the whims of collectors produce startling changes in demands. To know and appreciate the value of old things requires long experience, extensive study, close touch with current prices and markets, and a discriminating sense of beauty and good taste. There is no set of rules by which identifications can infallibly be made. Even experts cheerfully admit that they, no less than the layman, are fooled almost every day.

In the eyes of the government, an article must be at least 100 years old to be an "antique." If it is, it may be imported free



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of duty. This regulation simplifies the definition, but it has placed a burden on inspectors and has led to all sorts of embarrassing consequences to ardent collectors who pay immense sums for articles only to find that the goods are spurious and that duty must be paid on the basis of the price. If you buy an imported antique, ask to see the affidavits establishing its age or find out if it passed the custom office duty-free.

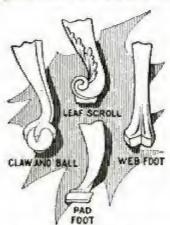
Many American-made objects not yet a century old, however, are in demand. Things made here during the early colonial days and for several years after the revolution are prized not merely for sentimental reasons, but because many of them are still in splendid condition and are both rare and serviceable. That period saw the establishment of the first glass factories in this country, the early Stiegel and Wistarberg products now being highly prized for their rich and beautiful colorings. At the looms, women were making the choice

coverlets and other articles that since have been dignified with the name "American tapestries."

Duncan Phyfe, America's greatest cabinetmaker, had his shops going shortly after the revolutionary war. New Yorkers of his day thought nothing of paying \$800 for a set of his furniture. At one time, he had 100 men working for him, and at his death, his fortune was placed at \$500,000. He was such an expert cabinet craftsman that the government commissioned him to make the box in which the bottles that contained Lake Erie water were placed and sent to Lafavette at the time of the opening of the Erie canal. Physe, William Savery, and other early artisans, did not originate patterns, but they carefully and expertly copied or adapted the best designs of their day. They had plentiful stocks of wood from which to select. They were careful to cut it at a time of year when the sap would not discolor it and when it would cure the best. The simple

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fact that many of their pieces have lasted all these years and are still in almost perfect condition, proves their worth. Partly because there is a reaction from the sameness of the machine-made products of this modern age, because many of the old pieces of furniture and other objects are



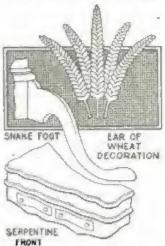
still beautiful, serviceable and now rare, and because many Americans have the time and money to devote to collecting, the buying and selling of antiques has become a profitable business to hundreds of persons and an in-

spiring hobby, full of adventure, romance and discovery, to others.

The first American furniture was of oak, pine, maple, cherry and walnut. You will not find the earliest pieces in mahogany. Interiors of drawers in American-made chests and bureaus were usually of pine, while the English-made were of oak. On the underside of the drawers, hand-plane marks are often visible and the center of the drawer bottom is often a little thicker than the ends. Dovetailed corners predominate in American-made pieces. Look for the natural signs of age. In chairs,

for instance, the front legs tend to wear down on the front side and the rear legs at the back simply through repeated draggings over the floor. Overlooking this simple point cost a wealthy collector several hundred dollars. He was tricked into buying a modern chair as an antique. Its straight unworn legs, revealed the fraud to a practiced appraiser. Old mahogany rarely contains genuine worm holes. A deciding factor is often the aged look and "feel" of the wood. Time puts on a finish, or patina, that is hard to imitate.

Determining the age of an article is but one consideration in the appraisal and but



one feature of its importance as an antique. To have sales value of any consequence, an article usually must be in good condition. In furniture, certain patterns are considered more choice than others. The would-be collector or purchaser will

do well to study such styles as Chippendale, Sheraton, Adam and Heppelwhite. If a piece is said to be a Chippendale, it

> probably is either comparatively new or at least 130 years



Group of Early Lighting Implements, Showing Development from Candlestick to Lantern of Paul Revere's Time and Down to Glass Lamps, Forerumers of the Modern Fixtures

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old, for it was not made in any quantity after 1800, being supplanted by other styles. There was an abundance of cheap and poorly made furniture in the old days just as there is now.

Identifying old glass requires the skill of an expert, but the novice can learn to look for the rounded corners and edges that indicate old age, the minute pits, best seen under a microscope, showing that the glass has weathered, and by thumping a piece and listening for the ring, he can learn something of its quality. Experts tell much by the sound and even more by the color. In blown pieces, they feel the pontil mark, that rough spot at the base of the article where it was broken off, while still hot from the blower's rod. A large, rough pontil mark is generally asso-

ciated with considerable age. "Just now, collectors seem to be interested in more than fifty kinds of china and porcelain. Each has its peculiar qualities, as have the dozens of different kinds of glass. It takes a skilled appraiser to identify an old





clock, but it is helpful to remember that the oldest "grand-father" specimens did not have seconds markings and the cord that held the weights was made of gut.

Appraisal of old paintings is a difficult task even for the pro-

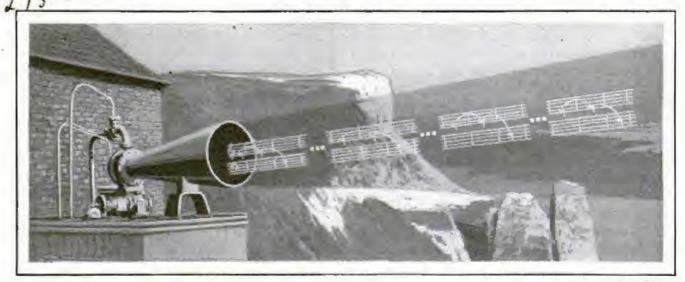
fessional. In a doubtful case, the name, canvas or panel cannot be relied upon, for all are commonly faked. Sometimes a retouched painting is detected by a simple method. Examine the cracks on the surface. If the subject has been retouched, some of the paint probably will have lodged in the cracks, otherwise the openings will be sharp and clean.

Benjamin K. Smith, an art appraiser of thirty years' experience, gives this advice to the antique buyers: "Read about antiques, familiarize yourself with them by visiting museums and private collections, if possible, and know what you want before buying." Use common sense and you often will be able to detect a fraud.



Center Photo Courtesy Art Institute, Chloago Cupboard of Early American Articles; Glass Bottle in Form of Horse (Eighteenth Century English), and Colonial Rum Bottles

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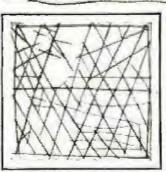
Huge Fog Horn and Scale Diagram to Illustrate Its Changes in Pitch; the Signal Is Repeated Every Three Seconds and Can Be Heard Many Miles

POWERFUL TWO-TONE FOG HORN HEARD FORTY MILES

Two-note blasts are sounded every three seconds from an improved type of fog horn which has been devised to help guard the English coasts. The signal starts on one tone and drops an octave and two full notes, producing a sound somewhat like that of the trumpet on an organ. One type of this horn has been heard a distance of forty nautical miles.

SEA CHART OF BAMBOO STICKS OF GUIDED EARLY SAILORS

One of the interesting objects in the American museum of natural history is a



navigation chart constructed of thin strips of bamboo, securely tied together to form a kind of pattern of routes among the South Sea islands. This particular chart was given to the

museum by Robert Louis Stevenson and was used by early navigators long before more modern means were known. It is believed that the sticks represent currents as there are four distinct sets of swells from four quarters of the seas at various seasons of navigation, which were closely studied by the natives. Charts like these are but little used now, but there was a time when young children were required to pass an

heart, as they were never taken to sea. Distances between the islands were measured in terms of hours instead of miles.

FIVE-YEAR CALENDAR SERVES

Calendar sheets for five years and a glass paper weight, suitable for the desk or

table, are combined in one useful article now on the market. The calendar months are printed on a roller which is quickly adjusted by inserting the



finger in a hole at the bottom of the weight. The fact that the calendar cannot tip over commends it especially.

HINGES ON PILL BOXES PREVENT

To safeguard against administering or taking the wrong kinds of pills, the navy medical corps has had hinges placed on the boxes containing these medicines. This prevents misplacing covers and identifies containers that have special pills. The plan was adopted in view of the tendency of influenza and other patients to regard capsules merely as capsules and to take them without always first determining their nature. Aspirin, quinine, calomel, etc., are now kept in the new hinged boxes.

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GETTING MAHOGANY TO MARKET BIG ITEM IN ITS COST

One of the chief reasons why mahogany costs as much as it does, is the expense of logging and bringing it to the markets. The supplies are found in the forests of Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Nicaragua, where trails must be blazed through dense growths to the nearest streams for floating the logs out. The trees are sighted by scouts who are guided by the mahogany blossoms. To avoid the onslaughts of the teredo, the logs must be "boomed" in fresh water. Often whole shipments of the wood are destroyed by this parasite, which attacks mahogany more quickly in salt water than in fresh.

INDOOR MOVIES FOR AMATEURS TAKEN WITH NEW LIGHT

studio in his own home, without the need of special electric wiring or elaborate apparatus, is now afforded the owner of a movie camera in a 500-watt lamp supplied with current from the house-lighting circuit. It has a lens of prismatic construction to direct the rays for the most efficient picture taking, is cool to the touch after long use, and can easily be moved about on an adjustable tripod. More than one lamp may be used for special purposes, as in photographing of groups, and a reflector made from white paper or cloth is effective in reducing shadows. The lamp is also suited to the needs of sculptors, artists and surgeons.



Amateur Taking Movies in Living Room with Aid of the Portable Light for Home Use



For Faster Work in Building Cars; the Double-Barreled Nail Driver Operated by Compressed Air

DOUBLE-BARRELED NAIL DRIVER SPEEDS CAR BUILDING

Having two tubes, or barrels, instead of one, as is the case in the ordinary unit of its kind, a nail-driving apparatus devised by a railroad repairman saves time in car construction and similar work. It operates by compressed air, and is suited to twenty, thirty and forty-penny spikes. In a test, it drove 2,000 nails in one hour. It weighs only twenty-five pounds, is three feet high and is said to function with great efficiency, bending and kinking being impossible unless the nails strike metal.

STOPPED BY VALVE 225

Danger of fires on boats is reduced in a motor equipped with an automatic safety valve at the air intake of the carburetor. It closes in case the engine backfires, and the intake is so arranged as to trap gasoline which ordinarily leaks through the carburetor when the motor is flooded by too much choking. This feature also prevents waste and insures better operation, when the engine is cold, by affording a richer mixture.

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METER ON PHONE WILL REDUCE IDLE TALK

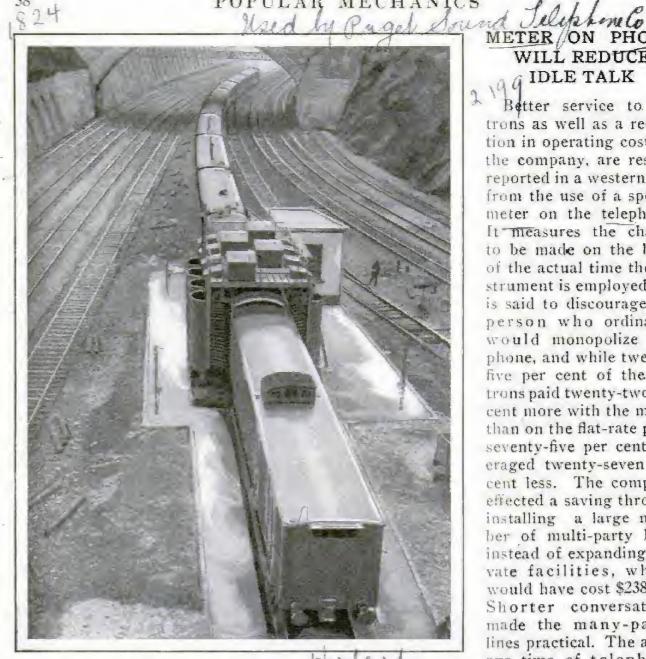
Better service to patrons as well as a reduction in operating costs to the company, are results reported in a western city from the use of a special meter on the telephone. It measures the charge to be made on the basis of the actual time the instrument is employed. It is said to discourage the person who ordinarily would monopolize the phone, and while twentyfive per cent of the patrons paid twenty-two per cent more with the meter than on the flat-rate plan, seventy-five per cent averaged twenty-seven per cent less. The company effected a saving through installing a large number of multi-party lines instead of expanding private facilities, which would have cost \$238,000. Shorter conversations made the many-party lines practical. The average time of telephone conversation was practically cut in half, thus dou-

bling the capacity of the company's switchboards. The meter also discourages

"listening-in" on other conversations as it registers a charge for such an intrusion, just as though the subscriber were making a call of his own. Rates are based on a sliding scale, the cost de-





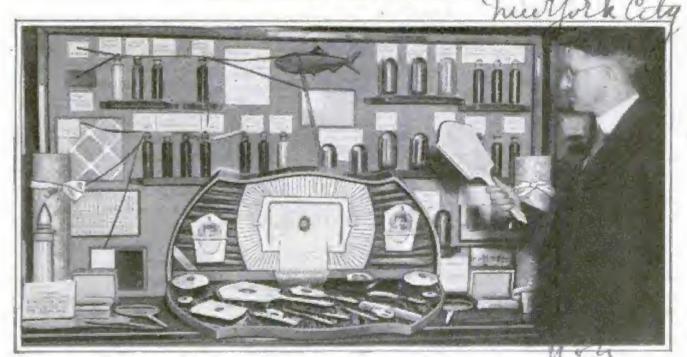


Cars in the Cleaning "Tunnel"; Brushes Wipe Sides a Vacuums Help Remove Dust and Dirt Windows, and

"TUNNEL" FOR POLISHING TRAIN SAVES HAND LABOR

After passing through most tunnels, trains are usually dirtier than they were when they entered, but exactly the reverse is true of a passage over one of the railroad lines in France. After going through it, every car is brushed and vacuumcleaned, saving the time and labor required for scrubbing with hand implements. The tunnel is an archway which is lined with brushes and vacuum-cleaning attachments. As the train is pulled slowly along, the polishing and cleaning apparatus functions automatically and, in doing so, reaches almost every part of the exterior of the cars.

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Lewis Radcliffe, Acting Chief of the Bureau of Fisheries, Holding a Mirror, the Back of Which Is Made of Fish Scales; Other Articles of Same Material in Case

TOILET GOODS OF FISH SCALES LIKE MOTHER-OF-PEARL

Some 2,000,000 pounds of fish scales are used every year in the United States in manufacturing backs for toilet articles. The material resembles mother-of-pearl.

TUBE CAN START GREAT SHIP WITH ENERGY OF FLY

Stopping a train with a dewdrop and starting a battleship on a fraction of the

> D. D. Knowles, the Inventor

Demonstrating Effect of Hand's

energy exerted by a fly walking upward at the rate of an inch a second, suggest impractical fancies, but they are possibilities with an electrical control tube recently introduced. It is so sensitive that the shadow of the hand, a drop of water, the flame of a match, or the raising and lowering of a window shade sets it in operation. Many practical uses are seen for it. Window-display lights might be flashed on and off by the shadows of per-

sons looking in; it could be adjusted to count automobiles or pedestrians passing a given place, provide fire and burglar alarms, turn lights off at daybreak and on at night, or shut off gas when the burners or lights are extinguished by accident. The unit is like a radio tube in size and external appearance, but has no filament and contains neon, argon or some other gas. It functions as a relay, operating on about one-billionth of a watt, but has an amplifying power of about 100,000,000, or sufficient to start a current through the tube

> which will close or open a switch handling upward of twenty-five amperes. This is enough for controlling almost any operation. The tube is connected directly with an ordinary 110-volt alternating house current.

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Tearing a Collar to Test Its Strength; Examining Laundry Spots under the Microscope, and Treating a Plum-Juice Stain

HOW TO MAKE CLOTHES LAST LONGER TOLD BY TESTS

Methods of prolonging the life of clothing and linen have been tested at the Massachusetts institute of technology. Collars that will wear nine months instead of six, sheets that will last four years instead of two, wash-dress materials, tablecloths and other linens whose durability has been greatly extended; these are some of the results already achieved by the research, which was started more than two

years ago. With collars, it was found that the greatest wear comes at the point where repeated flexing in fastening causes cracking at the fold. The habit of frequently adjusting the collar, tightening the tie or taking the collar off and on rapidly breaks down the fabric. It

peach, plum, grape and mustard, the latter being the hardest to remove, while grass stains are also difficult to treat. Orange juice leaves virtually no stain and tomato stain is easily removed. A study of twenty-three laundries co-operating in the research revealed the great contrast between the washboard, tub and household ironing board and modern laundry equipment. In the average plant, it takes about one and one-quarter hours to run 250 pounds of clothes through the washer. Where our grandmothers used one or two changes of water,

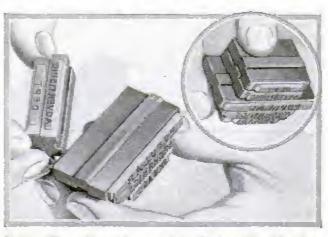
was also found that stains which often appear on table linen are the most difficult to remove. Among these are blueberry, tea,

the modern laundry washes in eleven waters, including three complete changes of soap and a number of rinses. Control of temperature is a most important item. The water should not be above 190 degrees Fahrenheit during the soap bath.

MULTIPLE-LINE RUBBER STAMP HAS MANY USES

Interlocking lines, which can be arranged in various combinations, feature a rubber stamp that performs the service

of several, saving the purchase of extra units and the trouble of storing and selecting them. The lines are simply separate small stamps and are set up like a "stick" of type. An ordinary elastic band is sufficient to hold the different parts together and they are quickly rearranged.



Rubber-Type Lines Arranged in Various Combinations Afford Service of Several Stamps in One

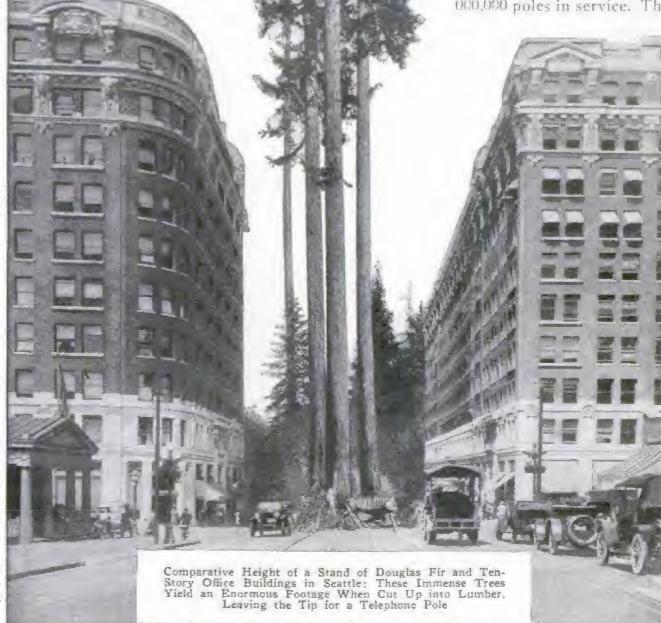
William James.

Harvesting Telephone Poles

A N endless stream of telephone poles must be kept moving from American forests to supply the demand that sees no interruption from one year's end to another.

During a sleet storm in February, the telephone company which serves Baltimore reported the loss of 783 poles in a single night. Multiply this by the number of companies operating in the snow belt

and the aggregate is startling. For replacements and new construction, the wire companies of the United States require more than 4,000,000 poles a year, equivalent to one pole for every fifth family. Most of these are used by telephone and telegraph companies, with the remainder divided among the electric-light and power corporations and other users. The Bell telephone system alone has approximately 15,-000,000 poles in service. The



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ing increased favor in the warm climate of the south, where severe ice storms are not a factor of destruction.

With growing demand and with a supply steadily curtailed by vanishing forest resources, the life of a pole becomes a matter of much concern to the wire companies. The best practice calls for preservative treatment in tanks filled with coal-tar creosote, before the poles are planted in the earth. Poles in service are given brush treatment below the ground line. This latter method requires the dig-

Right Photo John D. Cress

cost of the poles averages about \$16 a piece for the standard thirty-five-foot length.

There are four regions of the United States to which the nation looks for its pole supply. The lake states furnish northern white cedar. From the south come the trunks of yellow pine trees. The

eastern states furnish a diminishing volume of chestnut. From Idaho, Oregon and Washington there is a growing output of western red cedar, supplemented by the lodge-pole pine and Engelmann spruce of various states in the west and northwest. Southern white cedar is find-



A Topper Starting up a Douglas Fir, at Left, and, Above, Waving a Greeting to the Crowd after Topping the Tree

ging of a hole, two or three feet in depth, the scraping off of all decayed wood and dirt from the exposed part of the butt, and the application of creosote to the underground surface.

A simple and inexpensive practice for extending the life of poles already in place

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is that of providing reinforcement in the form of a durable stub. Wired or bolted to the parent stem, the stub will carry the load even if the pole itself is severed

by decay at the ground line.

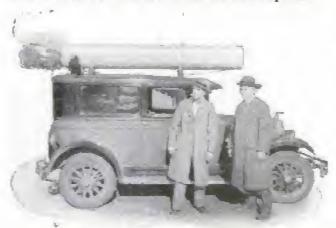
The task of harvesting 4,000,000 telephone poles a year employs many thousand forest workers. Much of the labor must be performed by hand. In cutting the taller poles, and the trunks that are to be used for flagstaffs, there is call for a steeplejack of the forest, who climbs the slender trunk and removes the top before the tree is felled. Topping prevents much of the damage to surrounding growth that would result if the tree were allowed to fall with its spreading limbs cutting a swath among the other trees.

There is a flagstaff at Fort Bonneville, Oreg., which has a clear length of 205 feet-equal to that of an eighteen-story

office building.

HUGE CIGARET ON AUTO TOP ADVERTISES PRODUCT

Attached to the top of an auto delivery truck in Portland, Oreg., an imitation cigaret glows and gives off smoke from the exhaust, to attract attention. It is made of sheet iron, is twelve feet long and fifteen inches in diameter. Fumes from the engine are diverted through a metallic hose, and the amount of smoke can be increased by a pressure pump which sprays light oil into the manifold exhaust and is regulated from the driver's seat. The glow is produced by an electric light shining through a red screen near the end of the cigaret. To carry off moisture from the condensed vapors, a drain pipe is installed at the bottom of the replica.



Huge Cigaret on Auto Top Has Realistic Tip and Fumes from Motor Represent the Smoke

Among the recent suggestions for styles in men's clothing is a change in the

PUT IN UPSIDE DOWN



How the Pocket Foils the Thief, and Closer View That Illustrates the Position of the Opening

pocket to foil thieves. It folds into the trousers and the opening is at the bottom instead of at the top so that it would be extremely difficult for a thief to pick it.

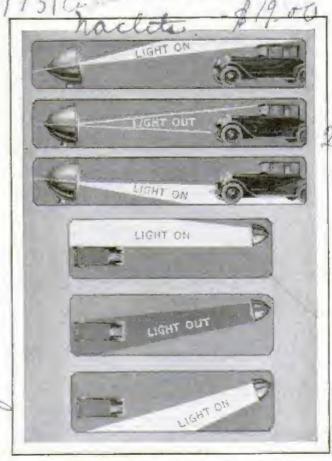
WIDER USE OF STEEL MARKS ADVANCE OF MAN

Steel production in the United States last year reached 48,000,000 tons, more than half of the world output, according to recent reports. Americans used about six times their own weight of the material as compared with little more than two times the weight of the population at the beginning of the twentieth century. In 1500, the total estimated output of steel and iron for the entire world was about 50,000 tons. The increase in the production of the metals, keeping pace with the development of power machinery, has enabled a laborer to earn in a few hours today what would have required days a few centuries ago. One economist estimates that the ratio in favor of power over man toil is as high as 590 to one.

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AUTOMATIC SPOTLIGHT CUTS



Drawings Illustrating the Position of the Light Beams When the Lamp Is at Different Angles

Several unusual features are found in an improved spotlight for the automobile, a principal one being that it is automatically cut out, by moving it slightly, to avoid shining directly into the eyes of an ap-

proaching driver. The regulating knob 🙀 on the dashboard close to the light switches so that the driver does not have to reach out at a difficult position to direct the rays. A further innovation is that it can be swung entirely around to illuminate the rear of the road as well as the front. can be inclined downward to serve as a trouble lamp when repairing the engine or adjusted to intermediate positions for safety and ease in driving, alighting from the car, looking for street numbers, and similar purposes. The light is manipulated by means of a flexible control extending through a hole in the cowl of a bracket attached to the windshield.

VISUAL SIGNALS SENT BY RADIO
FROM GROUND TO AIRPLANE

By modifying the raylo system used in keeping aviators on Meir course, Capt. Paul A. Edwards, of McCook field, has developed a way to transmit visual signals to moving airplanes from the ground. Several advantages are seen in the plan. Flyers would not have to wear headphones during flight, and with planes equipped so that communications could be carried on between them, a better way would be afforded to check artillery fire. The number system used makes it possible to employ a code. The sending apparatus includes a radio transmitter with a dial having combinations of numbers from 00 to 99. As the code is sent, a small light is flashed behind corresponding numbers in the receiving set. It is believed that this system could be used also for short messages between ground stations, eliminating the need for trained Morse operators.

HOLE BORER DRIVEN BY MOTOR HELPS IN PLANTING TREES

Planting of trees on rubber cultivations in French colonies is speeded by a specially designed hole digger. It is essentially a large corkscrew, turned by a forty-horsepower motor, and is said to bore a hole about thirty-two inches deep and twenty-three and one-half inches in diameter in one minute, providing the soil in which it is used is not unusually hard.



Boring Holes for Trees with the Corkscrew Digger; Dirt Is Piled for Convenient Replacement

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Water-Tight Wagon Box Being Used as Raft during Army Tactics in England; There Was Room for a Squad of Soldiers besides Their Equipment

WAGON BOX SERVES AS RAFT IN ARMY MANEUVER

How a supply-wagon box could be adapted as a raft in emergencies, was demonstrated during army maneuvers in England not long ago. A bridge had been blown up in the course of the tactics game, but this did not prevent the troops from landing on the other side, for the boxes floated several soldiers each.

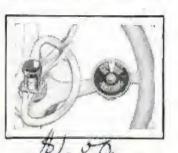
REVENUE FROM "HOBOS" 2/5

That hobos by no means are all penniless travelers is seen in the experience of the Denver and Rio Grande Western railroad in collecting more than \$18,000 in fares from 5.233 "head-end" passengers and freight-train riders last year. The special agents of the road arrested nearly 28,500 men of this class. Those who had money were taken to the ticket office and instructed to purchase tickets. From a study-of hobo traffic, officials of the rail-

road concluded that these travelers follow somewhat the same routes as other tourists, most of them being drawn to Colorado during the months of April to October, inclusive, when the scenic attractions are at their best.

AUTO OIL AND GAS RECORDER FITS ON STEERING WHEEL

To simplify keeping a record of the quantity of gasoline and oil purchased for the automobile and the dates when new



supplies were obtained, a disk, attached to the steering wheel, is easily used and always ready for reference. It contains a round card with entries for an

entife month. To turn from one day to another, it is only necessary to move the outside rim of the disk.

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Dr. Strong at Her Desk, Preparing a Map for Use in Developing New Territory in Sales Campaigns

WORK AS MAP-MAKER WINS FAME FOR WOMAN

Charting the little-known places of the world for the special information of various commercial firms, is the interesting work of Dr. Helen M. Strong, geographer of the United States department of commerce. Accuracy of location and indication of distances are of paramount necessity on her maps, which serve as guides for opening up new territories in selling and similar campaigns.

SPRING CLIP ON POCKET COMB

Fitted with a spring clip somewhat like that on a fountain pen, a small comb for men or women can be attached to the pocket, blouse, belt or tie without likelihood of becoming lost and in a position



where it will always be handy. The arrangement is especially adapted for the convenience of women with bobbed hair who have constant need for a comb but do not always care to include one in the vanity case. Slight pres-

sure with the thumb on a spring under the comb lifts the clip up so that the cloth may be inserted.

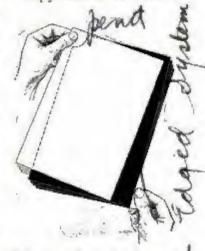
RUBBER IS MEASURED BY RADIO TO INSURE EQUAL THICKNESS

31 One of the latest applications of radio principles to industry is in measuring the thickness of rubber for tires, bathing caps and similar articles. Like many other discoveries, this was the result of an "accident." One night, an inventor placed a piece of tissue paper in the condenser of his radio receiver, thinking that the station he was hearing would come in better. He got an entirely different station. thicker piece of paper brought in still another. He had not discovered a new radio. principle, for it was then well known that affecting the condenser in that way would; alter the set's performance. If, he reasoned, changing the size of the paper, changes the receiver's action, why could not the thickness of the paper be measured by noting the changes in wavelengths? Accordingly he constructed an apparatus? whereby this radio principle was utilized to measure, in thousandths of an inch, the thickness of the rubber sheets as they pass through the rolling machines. Any variation tions are recorded on a visible dial so that the operator can make proper adjustments to correct the error.

TABS ON CARBON-PAPER SHEETS

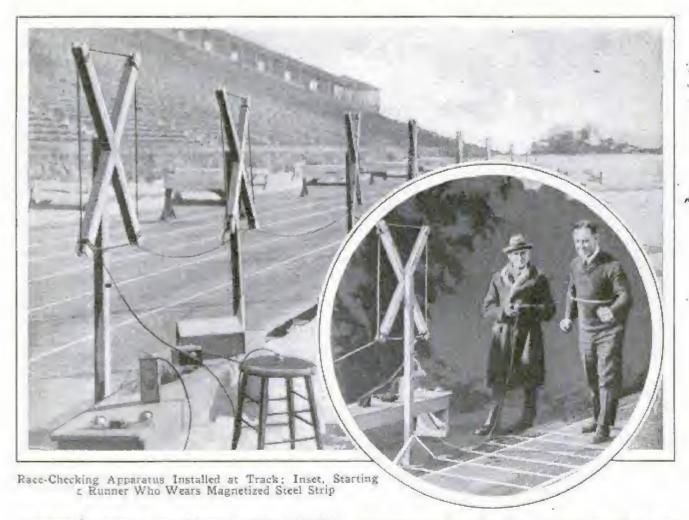
Taking sheets of carbon paper from best tween the leaves of copy stock is made

easier by the addition of tabs at the lower right-hand corner of the carbon and a cut-away portion at the opposite corner. These changes make it simple to pull the duplicating sheets out after the work has been typed, save blurs and al-



so prolong the life of the carbon by keeping it straight and uncrumpled.

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RUNNER WHO "JUMPS THE GUN" DETECTED BY COILS

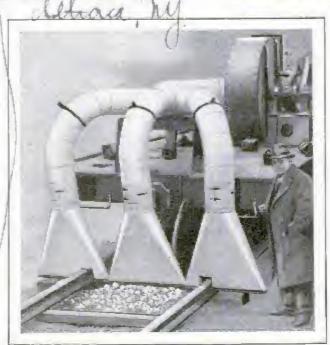
To reveal unfair starts in footraces and to afford an additional check on the running time, Prof. A. V. Hill, of Cornell university, has devised an electrical installa-

consisting chiefly of a set of ten coils and a mag-The coils are net. made of 200 turns of insulated copper wire and are placed at regular intervals at the side of the They are track. connected in series to a galvanometer. A current is induced in each coil as the runner, carrying a magnet, runs past The induced current is strongest when the racer is on a line with the coil. By stuffying

the fluctuations in the current as they are graphically recorded, irregularities in the runner's start may be detected.

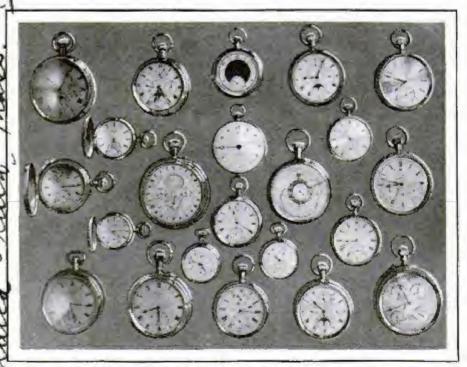
REDUCES UPKEEP COSTS 2 190

Cinders and refuse are quickly removed from the railroad ballast with a vacuum cleaner an east-/ ern engineer has devised. The outfit is mounted on a car and has three galvanized suction chambers, the bases of which run just above the rails and the ground. They are effective even when the cleaner is run at considerable speed, so that many miles of track can be cleaned in limited time.



Three-Nozzle Vacuum Cleaner, Which Sucks Cinders and Other Refuse from the Railroad Ballast

Baker Laboratory of Chemist



Few of the Watches in the Famous Collection; Some of Them Required Years for Making and Cost Thousands of Dollars

WATCHES THAT RING CHIMES IN ODD COLLECTION

What is said to be the largest private collection of watches is owned by a Boston man and is noted for its many odd specimens. Many are without duplicates and are valued at thousands of dollars. Several were made especially to the order of a former owner, a deceased millionaire. One, valued at \$14,000, took several years

to make. It has a dial with a frame attached, which shows the hours and minutes while it revolves under the constellations as they are visible or not in countries of the western hemisphere. Another has 3,000 parts and cost \$18,000. This one required eight years to finish. It has an hour-andminute register, a set of Westminster - chimes of four bells, striking the quarter hours, a minute repeater and an alarm and winding indicator. One of the wheels in the works revolves only once in four years and indicates February 29 in leap years. There is also a barometer mechanism, a back dial which shows the moon's phases and a perpetual-calendar apparatus. This wonder among watches has ten hands on one dial and five on the back.

TINY MICROSCOPE OF HIGH POWER LIKE PENCIL

A three-lens pocket microscope, built like a metal pencil, is capable of giving a maximum en-

largement of thirty-five diameters. The lenses may also be arranged in another combination giving twenty-five-power magnification. The upper end of the barrel is equipped with a pocket clip, while the lower end, including the objective lens, may be removed and reversed, the lens being contained in a sleeve which acts as a foot and automatically brings the microscope the right distance from the object on which it is placed, while a cut-out sec-

tion of the sleeve admits the light. To get thirty-five power, the objective lens is not reversed. but the pocket clip is removed from the upper end of the barrel, fitted over the lower end, acting as a foot, and the objective tube can then be slid in and out to bring the glass to a focus. The microscope is designed for use by toolmakers, textile workers, chemists, biologists, geologists and others who need a small portable glass.



Pocket Microscope in Use; Note Clip at Top, for Fastening to Pocket, and Light Apecture at Bottom

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EVERY year for nearly half a century, from 100 to 400 men in seven to a from 100 to 400 men, in seven to a score of ships, have been running the longest and hardest race ever attempted in the world. They are likely to continue running it for the next half century, or until railroads will reach the north pole. There is no regular course for this race, no judges, no referee, no track officials. yet it is a most orderly, well-conducted contest, in which each entrant carries his own law and makes his own rules. prize is offered, yet the race is worth many thousands of dollars to the winner. It is a race between machines, and, as a rule, the best mechanic wins.

It is the annual race for the fur crop of The course is from Oakland. Calif., to Demarcation Point, the northerly terminus of the eastern boundary of Alaska, on the Polar sea, and sometimes beyond, as far as Herschel island. It lasts seven months, and the distance for the round trip-since the race is run both ways -is 4,000 miles. It started, away back in the late eighties, with seven ships; today a score are in it, some starting from Oakland, some from San Francisco, others

from Portland and Seattle. Steamers, motorships, auxiliary schooners and sailing vessels are the entrants, but for the past three years, the auxiliaries have been the winners. In 1923, 1924 and 1925, "Nanuk" (Polar Bear) was the first into the Arctic ocean, and the first back to Oakland. In 1926, "Patterson," owned by Capt. C. T. Pedersen, who also owned "Nanuk," held the record. This year, "Nanuk" is in Siberia, trading out of Seattle, so "Patterson" seems to be leading the field again.

The prize is \$250,000 to \$300,000 worth of the finest furs produced in the world, the cream of the season's catch of the native and white hunters and trappers of Alaska. On each of its winning trips, "Nanuk" brought back almost exactly \$300,000. worth of furs, and nearly \$50,000 worth of carved ivory, walrus tusks, walrus hides, whale oil, whale bone and other products of the far north.

The race starts in April, the Oakland boats being the first out, owing to the greater distance to run. In order to get first chance at the fine furs, each boat strives to be the first "beyond Barrow," that is to say, to turn the northernmost

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point of Uncle Sam's dominion in Alaska, and slip along eastward on the shore of the Arctic ocean. The race home is to be the first to reach the markets of the United States, so as to get the best prices from the fur buyers. Once in a Pacific coast port, the furs, carefully packed and locked in great chests, are shipped by special express direct to New York. The ship owner or trader who comes back with less than \$200,000 worth of furs for a season's trading considers himself far from successful.

The height of the fur-trading season is in June and July. By the middle of August, the traders turn back from the Arctic, rounding Point Barrow again, picking up the trade of the Siberian natives who have crossed the strait to the Alaskan side and moving steadily homeward. On the way, though they are racing all the time, they pick up an occasional whale, which they kill, and whose oil they try out on board, or a few walrus, for their skins and ivory. They reach the Pacific-coast ports not later than October, and the first arrival is

the first into the New York market with his silver fox, sea otter, seal and other furs.

"Nanuk" has been in the race for thirtyfour years, first as a three-masted schooner, depending on sail when others sailed, but installing a 300-horsepower Diesel plant when the traders went into It has been first both ways in the race a number of times in those three decades, but the three years mentioned were the first in which it had consecutive postings as the winner. It is of only 280 tons, built entirely of wood, with bow walls two feet or more in thickness, the entire hull sheathed in ironwood, the shell as thick as the armorplate on a battleship. And wood has been found to be the best material for ships constantly at war with ice-for the hull slips on and over the ice, where the more rigid steel or iron ship attempts to smash through.

Indeed, both "Nanuk" and "Patterson," its successor, have rescued the crews of a number of iron and steel ships which were unable to make their way through the ice



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Where a Sealskin Coat Begins; Native Alaskan Hunter and His Snug Boat in Which He Ventures among the Ice Floes for Skins to Exchange When the Traders Arrive

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pack on the Polar sea, and so have become frozen in. "Patterson" is slightly larger than "Nanuk," with somewhat more power, but it is the same type of wooden ship, with the whale-blubber caldron, and the walrus hangers on deck, and the long salon below, lined with every manner of trade goods alluring to the eyes and minds of the native men and women.

With Capt. Pedersen, winner of the race for four consecutive years, goes each spring Mrs. Pedersen, formerly a trained nurse, who aids the natives in their illnesses, stands witness at weddings performed by the captain, and assists him in selecting the finest furs in the process of trading with the Eskimo and the Siberians. Up the Pacific, along the jagged, treacherous coast of Alaska, through the Aleutian isles, across Bering sea, past Point Barrow, and on east to the mouth of the MacKenzie river and beyond, this intrepid woman goes each year in the fur race—and declares she likes it.

Keeping his Diesel engines in perfect working order, knowing every current on the coast, calculating the closing in of the ice, and treating the natives with absolute justice, are given credit by Capt. Pedersen for his winning so many of the annual races, but some of the credit also must go to Mrs. Pedersen. For her, many of the hunters and trappers, whose wives and children she has helped through sickness and probably saved from death, hold up their furs until they can trade them to

"The Nanuk" Poking Her Wooden Nose around an Ice-Covered Point on the Northern Shore of Alaska, near Demarcation Point, Where the Ice Never Melts

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her husband. One such native brought Capt. Pedersen 265 pelts as the result of one winter's trapping. Another had fifty white-fox skins; a third brought twelve walrus hides and more than 200 pounds of carved ivory. In the far north, industry and a bility appear to count as much as in more civilized centers.

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"Two successful trappers at Herschel island are Ahlowuk and Penatuk, real Polar Eskimo," said Capt. Pedersen. "When non-breakable lamp chimneys first came out, I took a stock of them on one trip, have carried them ever since,

and they are one of my best articles of trade. Ahlowuk and Penatuk came into the cabin. 'Need a chimmie?' I asked, at the same time tossing one of the chimneys gently at Ahlowuk, who promptly put out his hands to catch it, while Penatuk stood by, his mouth open in surprise at my carelessness with so valuable a thing.

"Ahlowuk missed the chimney, which hit the floor, bounced, and rolled uninjured away. Both the Eskimos leaped back and tried to get out the door at the same time. When I explained the virtues of the new lamp chimney to them, they bought six, though they had only one lamp."

All the trading vessels in the great fur race are adapted by their captains to the peculiarities of navigation which they encounter. For example, after leaving the Aleutian isles, "Nanuk" is controlled and steered entirely from the crow's-nest, a boxlike structure hung nearly at the top of the mainmast. This is the only point on the ship from which an uninterrupted view of the sea can be obtained.

There the captain takes turns with two other trusted men, in four-hour tricks, each one taking a trick every eight hours. This crow's-nest is connected with the engine room by telegraph and telephone, and, should these fail, there are direct electric controls to the great Diesel engines and the steering gear.



Testing the Sensitive Disk: It Is Attached to the Door and Is Relaying Sounds from the Other Side through Earphones

POLICE HEAR THROUGH WALLS WITH "PHONE" DISK

A Boston policeman has devised a compact electric apparatus to aid in various detective tasks. An essential unit of the equipment is a sensitive disk which can be quickly attached to a door, window pane or wall. Sounds from the other side are audible to the listeners through earphones.

REDUCE NIGHT ACCIDENTS / 76 4

Automobile accidents involving women pedestrians at night have become so nu-



merous in a section of London that a luminous hat has been designed, to protect the wearer. Figures painted in glowing chemicals are plainly visible at some distance, so that motorists can see the women in time to avoid striking them. As

the designs are not conspicuous where the streets are brightly illuminated, the usage

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Where the Boats Wear Costumes as Well as the Merrymakers; One of the Craft at a French Water Fete Disguised to Represent a Dolphin

BOAT IS DISGUISED AS WHALE FOR WHALE CARNIVAL

Costumes for the boats as well as for the people is the rule at a French water fete during which a "battle of the flowers" is observed. The craft are decked out to represent various marine subjects, including mammals, fishes and mythological creatures. A whale replica is shown here.

BATHTUBS LEAD IN ACCIDENTS
REPORTED IN HOMES

You are more likely to be hurt while using the bathtub than you are in getting in or out of bed or standing on a stepladder, according to accident reports of a large insurance company. In 1926, out of a total of 33.303 claims paid, ninety-eight went to persons injured in bathtubs, thirty-six to those who had fallen from ladders and forty-four to persons hurt while entering or leaving their beds. Another feature of the company's report was that more men

were injured in the comparatively mild sports of fishing, golf, tennis and gymnasium exercising and squash than in the more active game of football. Nearly onethird of the total number of claims was for automobile accidents.

POLISH IN SHOE-SHINING PAD



For keeping shoes polished, a shining pad is waxed on one side and will give more than 300 shines without the use of paste or liquids. It can be carried in the pocket or handbag and is always ready for

use. It is slipped over the fingers, does not stain and is said to prolong the life

of the leather. Le Handy Shine Co.

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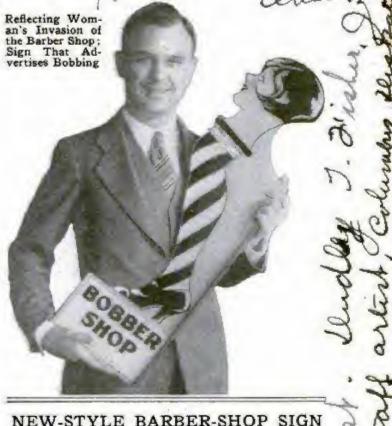
AMONG WINDS AND BERGS 2

Dodging icebergs, thousands of feet high and miles long, and battling with winds that threatened to crush one of the ships with a whale that had been killed; these and other thrills were experienced recently by a fleet of Norwegian whalers in the Antarctic seas. Their season was reported successful with a total yield of oil approximating \$2,500,000 in value. At one time, forty-one icebergs were sighted in the space of an hour. One of them was 3,000 feet high and several miles long. During a severe gale, the wind carried away the whales that had been lashed to the mother ship, and a smaller vessel, the "Star I," was compelled to cast adrift the two it was For a time, there was danger that the waves would throw one of the whales on top of the vessel. Among the whales caught was one that measured no less than 125 feet and yielded 175 barrels of oil. Efforts are being made to effect stricter control of the whaling industry in this part of the world, as some authorities believe that the whales will be extinct there within twenty years unless the activity is limited.

FAMOUS CHERRY-TREE TALE INSPIRES ARMY DESIGN, O

George Washington's hatchet and a cherry-tree sprig laden with fruit form the basis for the crest in the color-bearing organizations of the District of Columbia's national guard. The design has been authorized by the war department. There are thirteen green leaves in the branch,

while the location of the district within the territory of the original thirteen states, whose white population was predominantly of English origin, is indicated by the twists of the wreath which are alternately white and red. The cherries, of which there are seven, may be red or vellow.



NEW-STYLE BARBER-SHOP SIGN INSPIRED BY COMIC STRIP

A newspaper cartoon suggested the idea for the new-style barber-shop sign shown here. About the only feature borcowed from the old posts, which are said to date back to the times when barbers were surgeons and advertised their profession by the pole design, is the stripe.

SAND BLAST REPLACES WATER IN CLEANING LENSES 22

Glass lenses on railroad signals in the terminal yards of the Chicago union station are being cleaned with sand blast instead of with water. This insures a more

thorough cleansing and, in winter, there is no water to freeze on the glass. A lens can be cleaned in four seconds and two men can do the entire job in a few hours. To keep the sand from removing the paint from the metal hoods of the signals, cup-shaped pieces of tin are used for their protection.



National Guard Crest for the District of Columbia, Incorporating the Hatchet and Cherry-Tree Sprig

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Heavy Carved-Stone Doorways, Mayan Paintings on Walls and Furniture, and Beautifully Painted Beamed Ceilings Are Features of a Western Hotel Modeled on Maya Lines

Reviving the Wonders of Maya Kings

Architects Use the Halls of Montezuma in Creating a Distinct American Architecture Older Than Columbus

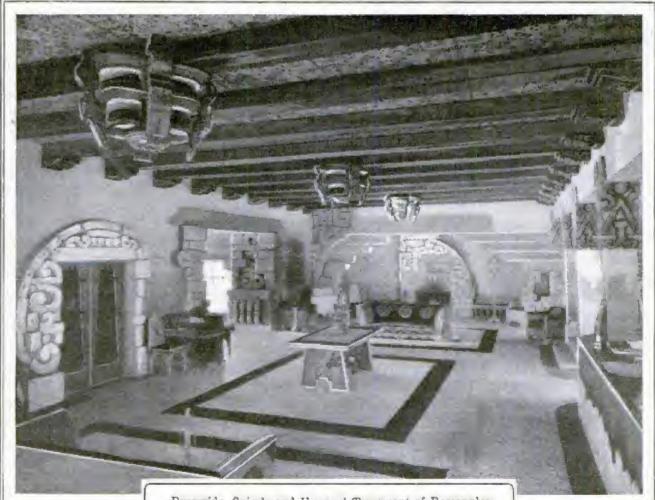
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SPECTACULAR and weird uses of spiral, pyramidal and rectangular shapes in modern architecture, as a result of discovering similar distinctive features in the recently unearthed Mayan buildings in Central America and old Mexico, mark the beginning of what architects consider a new and distinctly American type of construction in this country. This style of building design is in sharp contrast to all other architecture, which usually has copied closely after European patterns.

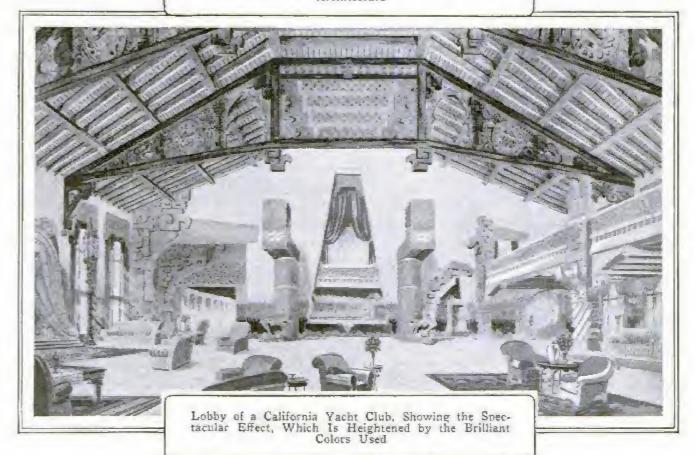
The result of this development, which has been led by a western architect, after extensive study of the ruins in Central America, is a type of building so different from conventional construction as to be most startling. The ancient cities of the Mayas have been unearthed by the Mason-

Spindler expedition of Harvard, and have revealed the distinctive architecture which existed on this continent in pre-Columbian ages. While the recent development is in no sense an exact copy or duplicate of the ancient Mayan work, the themes of the early Indian builders have been modernized and incorporated in the present-day structures through the use of geometric shapes and vivid colorings. Pillars, doorways, chandeliers, and patterns in floors and ceilings all take on a weird and striking effect.

Among notable structures which have been built in this style are hotels, country clubs and yacht-club buildings, as well as theaters. In these buildings the use of massive composition, such as pillars composed of stone layers cut in fantastic



Pyramids, Spirals and Unusual Treatment of Rectangles Are Lifted from the Temples of the Aztecs and Mayas, to Lend Originality to America's Newest Form of Architecture



shapes, very successfully suggest the principles of construction and decorative effects found in the well-preserved sections of the vast and beautiful palaces of the early Maya kings. The decorative motifs of the ceilings are an adaptation of the intricate mosaic work of the Mayas, and the pendant electric fixtures, original conceptions of the architect, are designed with the carved-stone treatment.

The rooms of one of the hotels, for example, are strikingly treated in a primitive style of coloring, the walls being decorated with vivid, yet pleasing, mural paintings, representing the progress in commerce and art of the races, and the influx of whites on this continent. In other instances the murals portray the religious themes and faith of the Indians. In some cases the ceilings are heavily beamed, giving the rooms the effect of great width depth. Fireplaces are rendered uniquely ornate through the use of distinctive Mayan scrollwork and geometrical designs. The huge doorways in the original Mayan palaces were built in the form of pyramids, or with straight sides surmounted by a huge stone piece, and this theme is invariably incorporated in the modern buildings, sometimes through a pyramidal decorative design on the door or wall surrounding it.

In the modern houses designed by the 2 2 12 western architect, the Mayan principles are carried out on a much finer and more subtle scale, although equally distinctive and effective as the public buildings. The

architect has succeeded in adapting the Mayan principles to the living rooms, dining rooms, halls and other rooms, so that these apartments remain quite in keeping with present-day requirements. In some of the hotels and clubs, special furniture has been designed in keeping with the architectural motif.

Efforts to establish a truly American type of architecture have been made from time to time during the past generation, but without notable success until the discovery of the ancient Mayan cities. Prior to the unearthing of these examples of early architecture, there was little known of the type of structure which existed on this continent in the early ages.

The architect who has led in this new development declares that the actual reproduction of a Maya building would be absurd and would completely fail to express the concerted, strong American spirit of modern times, since the nation has created a civilization infinitely finer and more complex than the ancient race.

The adaptation of the Mayan principles and themes, however, promises to mark a new epoch in building, so eagerly has it been received in several western cities.

MOST OF SUN'S ENERGY NOW Q 2 WASTED ON FARMS

Although the sunshine on an acre of land during the growing season of ninety days has a heat equivalent of more than 240 tons of coal, most of this energy is wasted before it reaches a form that man can use directly. For instance, twenty-five bushels of corn from an acre would have a heating value of but one-third of a ton of coal. If the corn were



fermented into alcohol, the energy would be reduced to about one-fifth of a ton and, if fed to cattle, the meat from the corn would have the equivalent of only sixty-six pounds of coal. There is a larger return from trees. Redwood grows rapidly, yielding timber at approximately the rate of 300 cubic feet per acre per year. Burning the wood, heat equal to about half a ton of coal would be realized.

PERIL FROM SNAKES LESSENED BY LATEST CURES 9 3 4

Antiddtes for the poison of the rattlesnake, the copperhead and the water moccasin, which, if injected into the bloodstream within a few hours after a bite has been suffered, will almost certainly prevent death, have been prepared by a Brazilian doctor. With the aid of the army and other agencies, he collected the venom of more than 4,000 rattlesnakes in this country, then proceeded to develop antidotes or antitoxins by inoculating horses. The process was a complicated one and involved preparations from the venom of more than thirty species of rattlesnakes. Each is slightly different but all work on the same principle. The preparations have been tested by the public health service.

AUTO AWNING AND VENTILATOR AIDS HEALTH AND COMFORT

Adjustable to twelve different positions, a combination awning and ventilator for the automobile windows and doors is easily attached and does not interfere

with opening and A 3-9 shade, it may be quickly set to the desired position, is used as a curtain for shade when the windows are closed and helps break the draft when they are open. The material is hard-finished, permitting easy cleaning. When not in service, the awning is folded inside, out of the way.



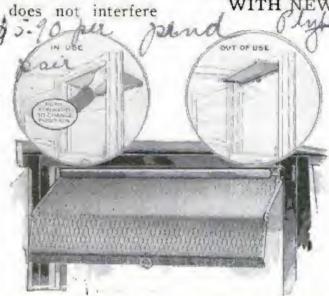
Dave Dingler, President, Part Owner and Engineer of the Cassville and Exeter Railroad

FIVE-MILE RAILWAY'S ENGINEER IS ALSO ITS PRESIDENT,

Being president, part owner and the only engineer is the distinction of a Missouri railroad operator. The line, five miles long, runs through a section of the Ozarks in the southwestern part of the state. Seven other persons, including the president's wife, manage all the affairs of the company,

WOOD AND PAPER FIREPROOFED
WITH NEW COMPOUND 9 10

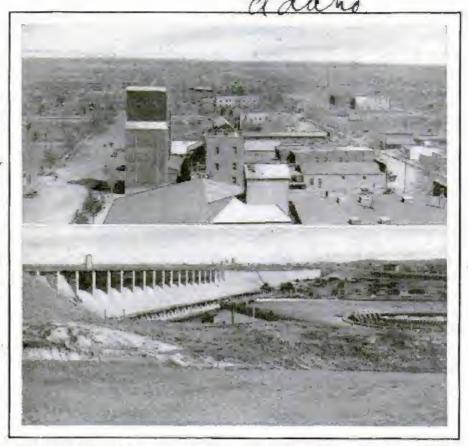
chemical compound which is said to fireproof wood and paper without destroying any of their properties has been developed in Norway. A house built of wood impregnated with the material has resisted fire in repeated tests. Wallpaper and hangings treated with the chemical are also made fireproof.



Auto Shade in Various Positions; When Not Wanted,

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American Falls, Idaho, before Moving, and a Rear View of the Dam Which Will Store Up Water for Irrigation

ENTIRE TOWN MOVED A MILE IN BUILDING DAM

To permit construction of a huge reservoir and dam across the Snake river, it was necessary to move the whole town of American Falls, Idaho, a mile from its original site. This involved an engineering feat comparable to the building of the dam itself, as the structures included substantial brick stores and dwellings, grain elevators and other buildings. The steel and concrete bridge, on which the railroad

crosses the river, had to be raised twenty-one and one-half feet and two miles of track moved, All this was done without interrupting traffic. The dam is a mile long, its greatest height is seventysix feet, width at bottom, sixty feet, and a roadway for vehicle traffic has been constructed on the top. It will impound 1,700,000 acre-feet of water and the floor of the reservoir will cover 56,500 acres. By adding twenty

feet more to the top of the dam, 3,000,000 acrefeet of water will be impounded. The structure alone cost \$3,000,000, and an additional \$6,000,000 was used for acquiring property rights and moving the town. The work was started in 1923, and", the storage of water was first commenced in October last year.

PORTABLE LOADER FOR GRAIN HELPS IN MARKETING

Getting the grain to market while prices are right is an important matter to the farmer, and in some sections of Canada and the northwest, the larger, permanent elevators along the rail-

roads are unable to handle all the loads in harvest time. To solve the difficulty, some farmers have their own elevator rigs, a simple portable outfit that delivers the grain from the wagon into the waiting freight car. The conveyor can be set at different angles and the flexible spout, at the top, swung about inside the car so that little shoveling of the grain is necessary. A small gasoline motor, mounted on the base of the outfit, supplies the power.



Unloading Grain from Wagon Directly into Freight Car with the Portable Elevator Qutfit, a Useful Aid to the Farmer

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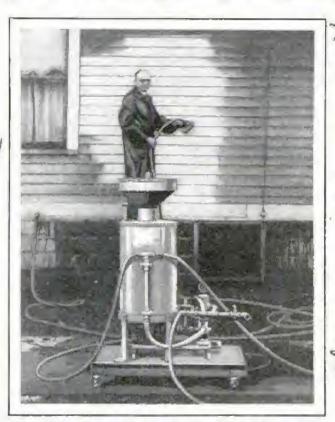
When Grown-Ups Take to the Coasters; Exciting Moment during a Scooter Polo Game on the Gymnasium Floor; the Sport Offers Unusual Opportunities for Exercise

SCOOTER POLO FOR GROWN-UPS LATEST INDOOR SPORT

Children's coasters serve as horses for adults in playing an indoor polo game recently introduced in California. Small mallets and a leather-covered ball are used, and as the sport has not yet become "nationalized," the few rules permit a wide variety of independent tactics. The game is said to be popular as a novelty in gymnasium exercises which are likely to become tiresome because of monotony.

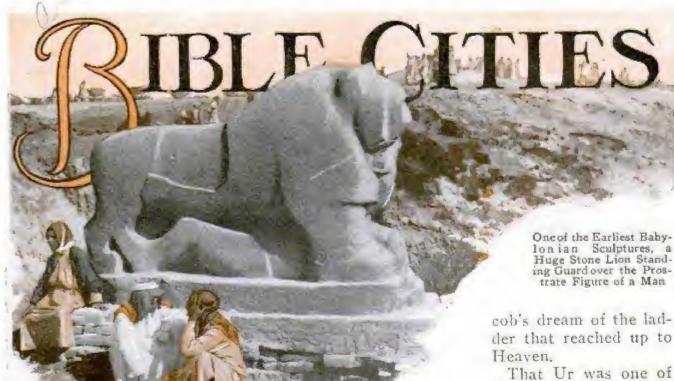
WASHER FOR SCRUBBING HOUSES REDUCES PAINT COSTS

For washing buildings, a portable outfit now on the market is designed to save the time that ordinarily is wasted in wringing sponges and changing water and to make possible a thorough cleaning which is often as desirable as a coat of paint yet costs much less. The apparatus consists chiefly of a mixing tank on a wheeled platform, for easy moving, connections to any convenient water faucet and an electric motor, supplied with current from a lighting socket. Cleaning compounds are carried in a hopper on top of the tank. In operation, the mixture is pumped through a hose and distributed to the surface through a fountain mop or other attachment. An agitator in the tank admits a definite quantity of the compound to the supply, insuring the proper solution. By turning a valve, clean water is admitted to the hose for rinsing. The washer is suited to frame houses, terra-cotta, tile and glazed-brick surfaces, while the compound is said to help destroy insect pests.



House-Washing Outfit and Sample of Its Work; Rinsing Is Done through Cleaning Nozzle

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By J. EARLE MILLER

THE temple courtyards where Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, walked when he visited the god and goddess of the moon at Ur, the immense Hall of Justice, where the king or his representative, the high priest, dispensed the law, and the towering temples of the moon are being dug up again to fill in some of the gaps of Biblical history. An expedition which has been working in the ruined city of the Chaldees, from which Abraham and his father started their trek into the land of Canaan, has already recovered enough material and rebuilt enough of the ruins to piece together much of the story of daily life 4,000 years ago in what is now Mesopotamia.

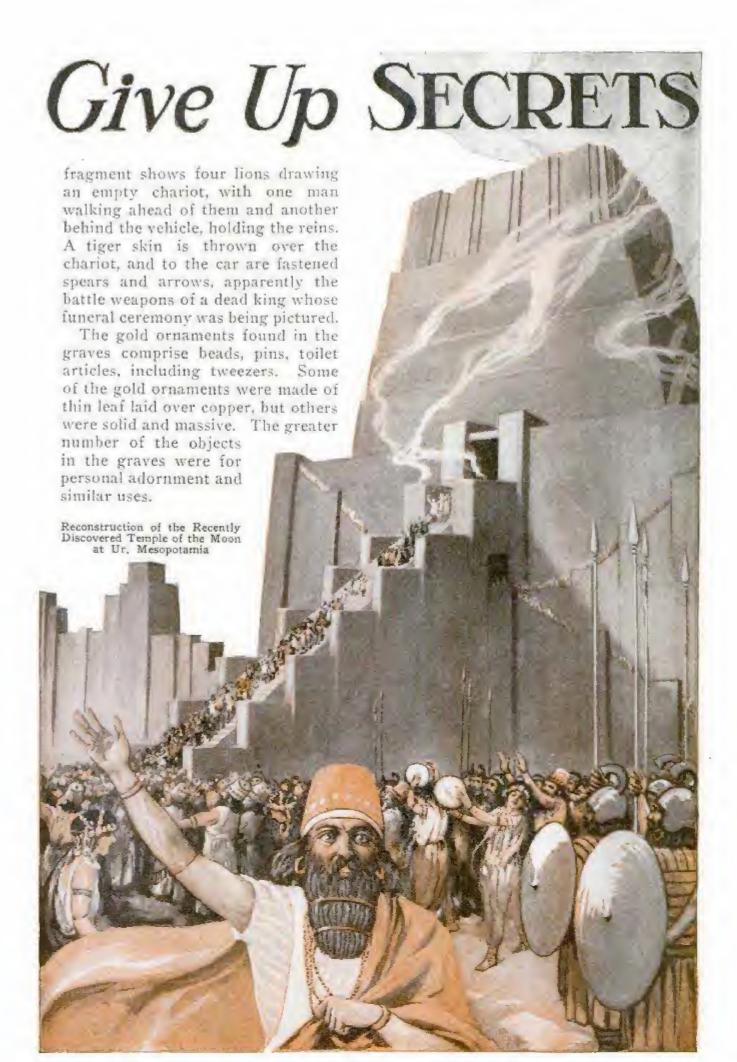
The excavators, members of a joint expedition representing the museum of the University of Pennsylvania and the British museum in London, have uncovered the progressive story of the Chaldeans as far back as 6.000 years ago, or 4.000 years before Christ. The once important city of Ur, at the junction of the Euphrates and Tigris, one of the main crossroads of the world in Biblical days, has been dug out from beneath the desert sands and enough reconstructed to show the design of the enormous towerlike temples, which, it is believed, may possibly have inspired Ja-

That Ur was one of the world's most ancient cities has long been known, for it figures in the early part of the Book of Genesis, which

states that "Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan."

The excavations disclosed how old it was when they went back through the debris of successive centuries, from well-burned brick, marked with the seals of various kings, through layers of less well-made building material, until the final foundation piles uncovered unburned brick, made before man had learned to replace the drying heat of the sun.

The excavators also have uncovered a graveyard whose tombs date back as far as 3,500 years before Christ, and in their search of them, have found unmistakable evidence that Mesopotamia possessed a high degree of civilization before the time of the first dynasty in Egypt, a discovery that goes far to settle the mystery of which civilization was the oldest, Sumerian or More than 400 of the graves Egyptian. have been opened and from them taken a marvelous collection of gold, silver and other rare objects, along with the earliest known carving, a fragment of a limestone plaque, as delicately carved as the work of two or three thousand years later. The



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the time of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is important both from a Biblical and historical standpoint, chief interest in the excavations of Ur centers around the vast temples of the moon god and goddess and the buildings which link the city with such famous names as Nebuchadnezzar, Cyrus and Darius of the Medes and the Persians, and, eventually, Alexander the Great and the conquest by Greece.

One of the first things uncovered was a shrine to the moon goddess, built by King Dungi, with a statue of himself placed in it as a memorial. Time and many wars had destroyed the temple down to the foundation stones, but in the latter were found four ancestors of modern cornerstone boxes. They were boxes of brick.

The cemetery was in use between 3200 and 2500 B. C., and its discovery opens up a new chapter behind the first dynasty of Ur and back into the days of the legendary kings of the dynasty of Erech, who each reigned, according to the tales handed down, for periods of several hundred years. Seals of these kings, engraved on tile cylinders, definitely fix Ur as having been a royal city before the time of Abra-

ham, and then new finds carry its story back to close the gap from the flood down to the time of the Bible patriarch.

In one of his latest reports, Director Leonard Wooley pointed out that the rare objects found in the graves of Ur were equal in workmanship to anything of the time of Nebuchadnezzar, though they were made more than 3,000 years before Christ and the period of the king of Babylon was about midway between that time and the present day.

While the examination of the relics of



The Walled City of Samarra, with Its Ancient Tower of the Seven Planets, and, Top, Ruins of Tower of Babel

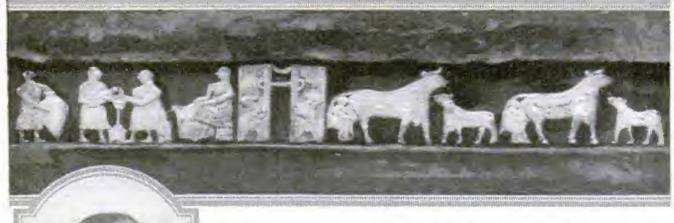
lined with pitch, and in them the king or high priest, more than 4,000 years ago, had deposited a little copper statue, a diorite tablet and some offerings of food and drink. The statue, representing a basket carrier, and the stone tablet both survived the centuries, and on each the same inscription gives the name of the god, of his temple, and of the royal builder. The statue of King Dungi, which had stood in the temple, had lost its head long ago, but on its back was an inscription giving the king's name and dedicating the statue to



Dore's Famous Drawing of the Building of the Tower of Babel; the Spiral Form Shows a Marked Resemblance to the Tower of the City of Samarra, Shown on the Opposite Page

the moon god for the life of the ruler. Near by, under three feet of rubbish, the diggers uncovered the most perfect and complete Sumerian temple, of 2400 B. C.,





ever found. It is complete with walls, courts, shrines, storerooms, kitchen, wells, altars, statues, stelæ, or monolithic
instruction columns, and even with the door sockets in
which its brass and goldplated cedar doors once swung.
More than thirty of the door sockets were found in place,
each with the inscription to show the temple was the work
of Ur-Nammu, King of Ur, and his grandson, Bur-Sin, who
followed him. This temple was the private residence of
the moon goddess, the mother of the city.

The crowning architectural achievement of the city, however, was the enormous Ziggurat, a vast pile that somewhat
resembles the pyramids of Egypt in its bulk, while its sides

The crowning architectural achievement of the city, however, was the enormous Ziggurat, a vast pile that somewhat resembles the pyramids of Egypt in its bulk, while its sides were flanked by sweeping stairs and terraces, and the top was crowned by a small building, in which, it is believed, the prettiest girl of the city, who was dedicated to the moon

god as his bride, made her home in lonely state.

The huge Hall of Justice, near by, the walls of which are in a very good state of preservation, was dedicated also to the moon god, whose statue once crowned an enormous dais at one end of the building. All of the statues, plated with gold and set with precious gems, the metal plates of the door, walls and ceilings, and everything else that had value and could be removed, have long since disappeared, just as the tribes who followed after the

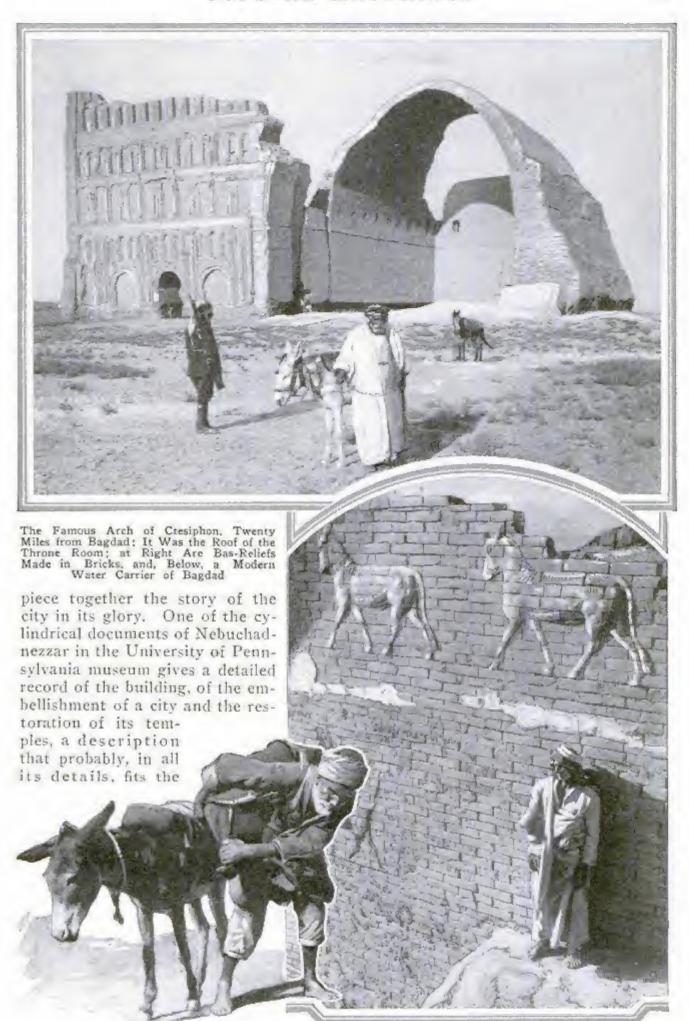
downfall of the kingdom of Babylon carried away much of the bricks to build their homes. The foundation bricks of the altars, brick daises on which statues once stood, and the hollowed-out sockets in which the doors once turned, are all that is left to show where they once stood.

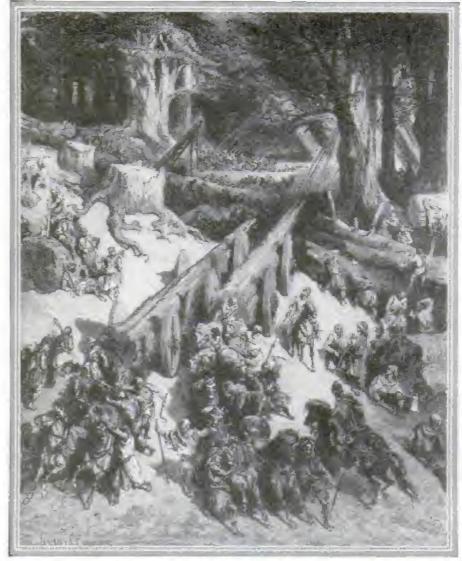
The frequent inscriptions and the occasional barrellike clay records on which the king's secretaries inscribed his achievements, however, enable the excavators to

Some of the Finds in Ur; a Dairy Scene, at the Top, a Stela Showing the Sun God Shamash on His Throne, and, Below, a Fragment of a Stela Showing Minor Gods Leading Gudea before the Chief God, at the Right



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Dore's Drawing of the Cedars of Lebanon Being Transported to Solomon's Temple, Just as Nebuchadnezzar Describes the Process

buildings of Ur as well as any other city in his land. Describing the restoration of the Ziggurat of Babylon he wrote:

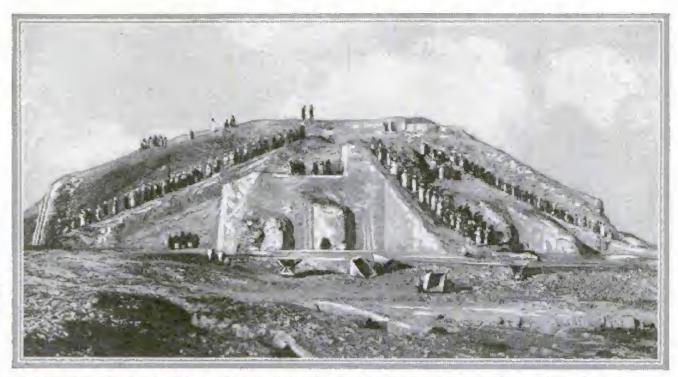
"I enveloped tall cedars with bronze and laid them as a cover. Magan wood, sidaru wood, strong cedar wood overspread with shining bronze, I placed above. its foundation stones, to frame it in, I laid cedar trees and I strengthened their joints with shining bronze (clamps). The huge cedar trees which my pure hands cut in their forest of Mount Lebanon I clothed with shining gold and I adorned with precious stones, and I had them laid across by three as a roof. . . . Above these cedars I spread shining bronze as a covering. Above the bronze I placed a tahlal as a crowning fence on their top. In order that no rain, storm or cataract of heaven should reach them I redoubled and with strong cedar wood built a roof above them. As for the six rooms adjoining the shrine

of Nabu, I adorned their cedar roof with bright silver. As a roof over all these rooms I laid huge cedar trees. I enveloped magan wood with bronze and I placed it as lintels on high. I fabricated huge bulls of bronze and I clothed them with a coating of gold and adorned them with precious stones and I placed them on the threshold of the shrine gate. The threshold, the fetter, the bar, the doorwings, the lintel, the knob, the lock, the bolt of the shrine gate I plated with shining gold. With tiles of clear silver I made bright the passage to the shrine and the entrance to the temple. The doorwings of magan and cedarwood I incased in clear silver, and over the hollow of their span I placed lustrous alabaster, and I fixed the lintel of all their doors. I made the dais of Ezida shrine, the lintel and the hinges in a fabric

of clear silver and placed them inside. I covered with clear silver the cedar wood of the roof of the Dara gate, through which comes and goes the son of the lord of the gods. . . . I fabricated huge bulls of silver and I placed them on its threshold."

The cylinder goes on through column after column of description of temple rebuilding and new walls for the city defense, in much of which gold, silver, bronze and precious stones were used lavishly.

The moon goddess temple at Ur, which shows every sign of having been such a building as the king describes, is built on a rectangular plan, surrounded by a double wall with a passage between for the guard. A terraced roof, reached by stairs within the passage, covered it. The various shrines, stores and apartments were grouped around three open courts, the northern and southern of which were sa-



Temple of the Moon God at Ur as It Appeared during the Excavation; the Entire Building Was Buried under the Desert Sand Before the Work of Uncovering It Began

cred places where the daily sacrifices were held. One of them is the most perfect sacred place of the time—three centuries before Abraham—to be found. The bronze gates which formerly closed it are gone, but the door sockets, round pieces of diorite stone, are still in place, with their inscriptions "King Ur-Nammu and King Bur-Sin, king of Ur, kings of the four corners of the world." The copper shoe of the door post, swinging in its hollowed cup, has left its record in green oxide which still endures.

Clay tablets containing the records of the temple "stenographers," who did their writing with a stylus and baked the result to insure its permanence, have been found in the storerooms telling of the pots of oil issued once a month for the greasing of the hinges of these temple doors.

Shrines and altars are still clearly defined, along with water tanks of brick lined with pitch, in which the supplies for the ceremony of libation, as well as for courtyard-pavement washing, were kept.

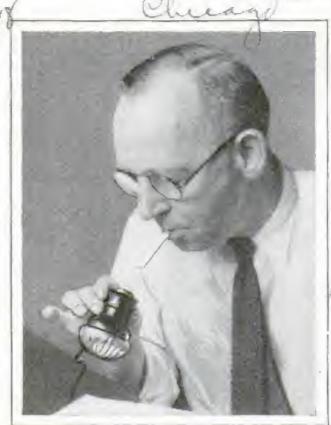
Like the Greeks who many centuries later erected a statue to the Unknown God, for fear they might have overlooked some powerful deity, the Sumerians were friendly to other peoples' religions. In addition to the main shrines of the moon goddess there are a number of alcoves and side shrines built to contain statues of foreign gods and goddesses, and, in fact,

the only complete statue found in the building was a squat little figure of the goddess Bau, better known to archæologists as "Mother Goose," as she is shown riding the waves of the Euphrates flanked by two geese. Mother Goose did not belong to Ur, but was the wife of the god Ningirsu, at Lagash, forty miles away.

In the storerooms and treasury only broken stone and alabaster vessels remain. A fine stone casket, plainly encircled, at one time, by a gold band, which has long since been ripped away, apparently contained the temple jewels. Many of the record tablets tell of great journeys and marvelous cargoes. One describes a sea expedition, which returned after three years with gold, silver, lapis lazuli, precious stones, ivory and caskets of rare wood.

At every turn the excavation sheds new light on customs described in the Bible. One of the familiar passages of the Old Testament relates that "the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the Lord," and the custom of the priests was to send their servants, with a triple-toothed flesh hook, to stick it in the sacrificial kettle and hook out some meat for the priest. Exactly the same custom was practiced in the moon goddess' temple, for the kitchen contains a vast circular range for boiling, with a small platform, reached by a circular staircase, on which the servant could stand to exact his toll.

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Weight of the Base of This Lighter Turns Current On When It Is Lifted

ON ELECTRIC CURRENT

Picking up an electric cigar lighter now on the market, automatically turns the current on, sparing the user the trouble of depressing a switch or button, while the flow is instantly turned off when the unit is put down again. This is accomplished by a weighted base and a moving top section, so arranged that contact is made with the heating element when the lighter is lifted. The wires are glowing by the time they reach the cigar. The device also is suited to cigarets or pipes, saves current, and being of small size, is convenient wherever a socket connection is available.

MOVIES ARE AID TO DOCTORS IN DIAGNOSIS OF DISEASE

How the body tissues change during an illness, how steel looks when it is fatigued, what an unborn mosquito looks like while struggling to escape from the egg, these and many other marvels can now be studied at leisure by means of the motion-picture camera in a "hookup" with the microscope and other instruments. Movies have been taken of the opening and closing of the valves in a calf's heart

through glass windows in the walls of the organ. In the medical field, the movie camera has proved of great value in identifying disease and, by picture analysis, more is said to have been learned about the peculiarities of various types of steel than by any other method. Especially interesting studies of fatigue in metals have been made through the gradual change in their molecular make-up as registered by the motion-picture camera.

HYDRAULIC HOIST DUMPS GRAIN FROM TRUCKS OR WAGONS

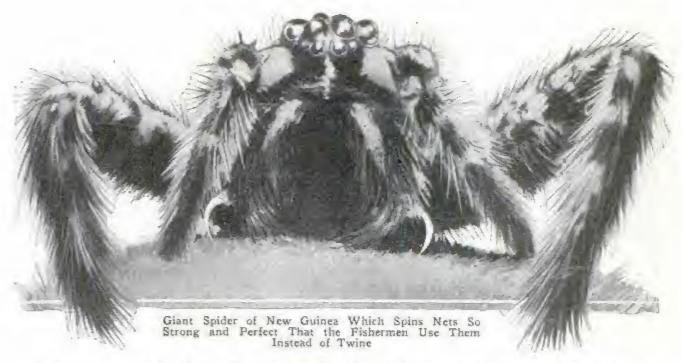
When farmers began to use motor trucks to haul their grain to the elevators, a difficulty was met with, when it was found that the usual 130-inch wheelbase was too long to handle on the eight-foot dump beams that had been used on farm wagons for many years. It was not practical to lengthen the beams, for then they would hit the horses. The problem has been solved at many elevators by installing a hoist platform which accommodates either trucks or wagons. It lifts the front wheels of the vehicle sufficiently to permit the load of grain to slide out at the rear to the elevating apparatus, and is operated by



Elevating the Front Wheels of the Truck with Hydraulic Hoist, So That Grain Can Run Out

the same power plant that serves the rest of the machinery.

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Secret of Spiders' Skill Sought by Science

Strength of Web and Intelligence of Nature's Greatest Engineers Shown by Government Tests

By UTHAI VINCENT WILCOX, Jakoma

SCIENCE has been discovering some new facts about the spider. Whether or not this creature ever reached our earth from some other world, as some may believe, scientists are agreed that the spider is supreme in cunning, ruthless ferocity, inventiveness and courage.

H. G. Wells once said that if man ever lost his mastery of this planet, the next race to dominate it would be the spiders! And Dr. E. W. Gudger, of the American Museum of Natural History, who for years has been studying the spiders, now announces the results of his observations which would make of Mr. Wells a prophet. Experiments with spiders and careful watching of various kinds reveal an intelligence that leaves mankind amazed.

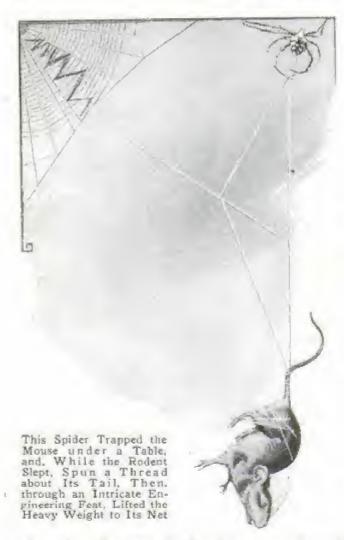
So important is the study of the spider that the United States department of the interior has been making an investigation of the spiders' web. This silken thread, spun by a spider, when photographed through a microscope that enlarges some 2,000 times, is but the size of an ordinary horsehair. On the other hand, a human hair, magnified on the same scale, would be six inches thick. This is comparative,

as well, of the relative strength of the two. The spider with such an apparently fragile and transparent wisp of line is able to bind animals several times larger than itself.

Dr. Gudger tells of how he has seen spiders attack tadpoles, small frogs and snakes, lizards, and even bats. He found some of the results hard to believe and as a true scientist waited a long time before announcing the results of his own conclusions. He tested some spiders by capturing a dozen tadpoles and three tree frogs for his experiment.

Taking a jar with the tadpoles swimming in the water and a bit of a tree branch to keep the spider and the frogs out of the wet, he saw that the spider soon ate nine of the tadpoles and then made a meal of one of the little frogs. After this he observed spiders about ponds and small bodies of water. It seemed true that tadpoles and small frogs are favorite dishes of hungry spiders. When the spider wants something to eat he goes fishing. Even minnows have been known to vanish from an aquarium if a large spider is about.

But spiders, Dr. Gudger found, will even attack snakes. At Batavia, N. Y., a small



ringed snake, nine inches long, was found trapped by a spider in a cellar. The spider, its body hardly bigger than a good-sized pea, had spun a web in the form of an inverted cone, from the tip of which hung a silken cable of about the thickness of ordinary sewing silk. By this cable the snake was found suspended still alive, its mouth muzzled with multiple strands of web, and its tail tied by means of more of the silken cord.

Dr. Gudger also tells of a mouse that was snared by a spider. Apparently the snaring was accomplished at the start by winding silken threads around the tail of the rodent, perhaps while it was asleep. Anyway, the mouse was securely tied, and the spider, its web located beneath the table, showed its engineering skill, using a loop to hoist the mouse off the floor.

In New Guinea the Papuans use spiders' webs for fishnets. The spider which is found there is a forest species and spins giant webs, six and seven feet in diameter and woven in large mesh, for the catching of small birds as house spiders catch flies and moths. The primitive Papuan goes

to the forest where the spiders are thickest and sticks upright in the ground the stem of a long and pliant bamboo, the top end of which has been bent over and tied so as to form a large loop. This loop makes a convenient frame in which to build a web and the spider, dark brown and about the size of a hazel nut, seeing the ideal place for a web soon takes advantage of the loop left by the native. The Papuan then takes the net which has been presented to him and uses it for catching fish.

If man points to his mastery of the air, the spider can show that he has for untold centuries used aerial navigation. Many spiders are skilled aeronauts. Almost any warm day will show a spider in the act of taking a little joy ride through the air. Climbing to some elevated place, and letting loose a number of threads, the spider is carried through the air by the wind. It is able to descend at a convenient time by reducing the sail-spread, so to speak, and taking in some of the threads. These spider ships of the air are sometimes found at great heights. Even ships at sea have found them hundreds of miles from land.



The New Guinea Native Erects the Framework and Tricks the Spider into Weaving the Net

It is this quality of adaptability to the air, to the water, to the needs of its appetite that gives the spider the respect, if also the fear, of mankind in general. Dr. Gudger observed a spider making a web. . He said that a spider perched on a twig fifteen feet above the ground and wishing to throw a line to another twig twelve feet away will either take note of the direction of the wind and use it, or will lower itself to the ground, running across to the de-"sired spot, fasten the thread to it and then pull in the slack until the first line is taut. After that it is a simple matter of casting other lines at right angles and parallel where, by dropping down or climbing up and pulling in the slack, a web is spun that

will catch the needed food.

What couldn't man do if he were able to make ropes and cables with the approximate strength of a spider's web. Suspension bridges would be thrown across on tiny cables about the size of binders' cord. With the secret of making of cord



A Tragedy of the Tropics, Capture of a Humming Bird by a Giant Spider; Not Even the Bird's Great Speed Can Save It

after the manner of the spider, the whole course of engineering as we know it today would be altered. The making of a web is a fascinating process. The

spider first stretches the boundary lines, which may inclose a square or a triangle, according to the place. Then it drops a center line from top to bottom and, working from the center of that, spins a series of rays, that radiate like spokes from a hub. After that, starting at the center, it spins a spiral, using the rays as steps on which to work, and attaching the spiral to each ray in The spiral, however, is only a scaffold to be used in making the final web, which is coated with a sticky substance to trap

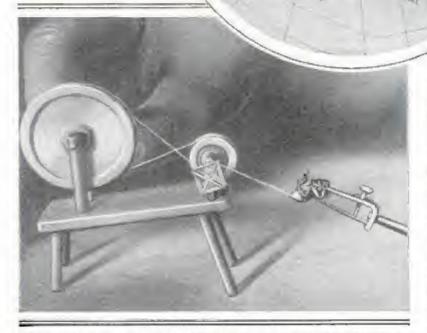


Diagram of a Spider's Silk-Making Apparatus, and a Captured Spider Spinning 280 Feet of Silk Thread a Minute

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flies. The spider starts it at the outer edge and spins another spiral toward the center, walking on the first one, and eating as it proceeds.

FLOWERPOTS ON SIDEWALKS BEAUTIFY CITY



Brightening the Walks in Greeley, Colo.; Flowerpots along Curb Are Paid For by the Merchants

Flowers are grown in special pots set in cement standards along the sidewalks of the business section in Greeley, Colo., to brighten the thoroughfares. The plan is a co-operative one, the merchants sharing the expense of the pots and the replenishing of the miniature gardens. Hardy varieties of geraniums, petunias and other plants have been grown with greatest success.

HUNTING OIL WITH DYNAMITE REDUCES GUESSWORK

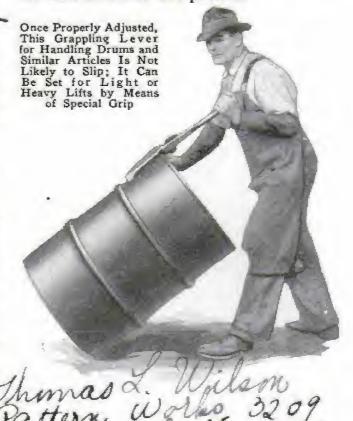
Locating underground oil fields by means of dynamite and the seismograph, has proved successful in Texas and other sections. The explosive is fired at the surface, the force penetrating to the nearest hard formation then reflected back. The seismograph registers this "throwback," thus indicating whether hard strata are close or far from the top, and revealing the presence of subterranean domes

where oil is likely to be found. Oil generally lies on the high spots of the earth interior and water on the lower, as the oil is the lighter. This method is an outs growth of that used during the war when the seismograph was used to locate bate teries of concealed artillery. The plan has so far proved successful mainly where subsurface structures are such as to give back "reflections" that the instrument can register plainly. In some fields the may chines are used with radio-broadcastings outfits. Three are set up in the form of a triangle, within three to five miles of the shot, which is fired in the center of the triangle. Each machine registers the wave length and makes a picture of the shoot ing. The operators are informed as to the exact time of the blast and all watches are synchronized by means of a radio clock so that results can be determined at ex-> actly the same instant. In one section of the oil district, approximately 1,000,000 acres are now being surveyed by this new method.

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LEVER FOR HANDLING BARRELS 20 SAVES HEAVY LIFTING

One man can do the work of several in handling heavy barrels with the aid of a simple lever, especially devised for loading oil drums. It has an adjustable handle which can be placed at various angles for lifts of 500 or 600 pounds.



BIRD MIGRATIONS DUE TO GLANDS?

Bird migration may be due to the effect of certain gland secretions, in the opinion of Dr. William Rowan, of the university of Alberta, Can. Results of experiments on 200 juncos substantiated his theory. The birds were divided into two groups, each being placed in an unheated aviary, but in one electric lamps were adjusted to increase the light daily as it would normally increase in spring time. After a period, the birds were let loose. The juncos from the unlighted aviary showed no disposition to leave the locality and were in the condition

normal for winter. But only a few of those from the lighted section were recovered, and examination showed that changes had occurred in them such as are normally found after the winter season. Dr. Rowan believes that light produces a stimulus which gives the bird a desire to start on its migration.

PARADE LIGHT FOR MUSICIANS FITS ON RACK 9232

Attached to the music by a special clip, a small electric light and pattery illuminate

the page during parades at night. The unit is said to be easy to keep directed on the music and is intended as a substitute for the coat-lapel lamp which offered some objections in that the rays could not always be held on the notes. A



small reflector increases the effectiveness is hoped that potatoes may be planted in

Corber Square her



Veteran Airplane, No Longer Fit for Flying Service, Carries On as Advertis-

OLD AIRPLANE AS GARAGE SIGN ADVERTISES SHOP

Visitors in south London are attracted by what appears to be a wrecked airplane lodged on top of a garage. In reality, the ship was placed there for the purpose of advertising the shop. It is the fuselage of an old plane which did service in the war. The right wing has been removed, so that the body fits snugly against the wall and most of the other is also cut off.

SOIL HEATED WITH ELECTRICITY SPEEDS GARDEN GROWTH 235

Lettuce was ready for market in March from an outdoor garden in Sweden this year, a result of heating the soil with electricity. That the product may be matured earlier is considered a probability and further tests are planned. A main object is to obtain a ground temperature which will correspond to the comparatively high air temperature in spring. At the Stockholm experiment station, arrangements have been made to heat a large open field with 110 electric wires, set 130 feet apart. It is hoped that potatoes may be planted in April and harvested in June by this means.

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Report received by Left



TENNIS IN SWIMMING POOL IS

Aquatic tennis has appeared on the western coast and is reported to be popular where swimming pools can be used for courts. The ball is somewhat larger than that employed in the usual game and the racquets are entirely of wood.

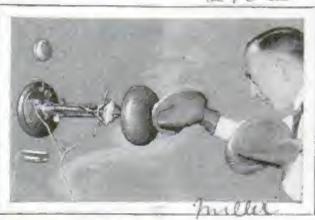
"BIRD-PROOF" RICE DEVELOPED BY GRAIN WIZARD)

A rice head that has a short, sharp barb, too tough and cutting for the birds to de-

your, has been developed by Sol L Wright of Crowley, La., the Burbank of the rice fields. He already is credited with cultivating several superior varieties of heads which have been raised successfully in this country, proving of great benefit to the rice

industry here and to American agriculture in general. His work is done on an experimental plot of his farm, and he has become so skilled in selecting and crossing the plants that he can "grow a head of rice to order in much the same way as a tailor builds a suit to a customer's back." One of his first successes was the development of a rice head that would mill perfectly. He started his activities largely through love of experimenting.

STRENGTH OF BOXERS' PUNCHES TESTED BY ELECTRICITY



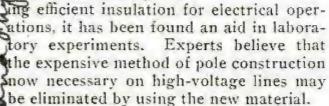
Testing Force of a Punch on Electric Gauge

Accurate measurement of the force of a boxer's blow is obtained with an electric gauge used in Berlin, Germany. The punch is made on a movable padded rest, the pressure received being recorded with the completion of an electric circuit.

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LOWER COST OF ELECTRICITY

Cheaper electricity for heating and lighting and more successful highpower transmission are promised in a new insulating material developed by a Russian investigator and his associates. It is said to resemble a light varnish, and a thin coating of it is reported to serve as a substitute for the bulky and more costly porcelain insulators now in use. Besides provid-





How Ancient Chinese Warriors Rode to Battle; Replicas of Chariots on Exhibition in Smithsonian Institution at Washington

MODELS OF ANCIENT CHARIOTS SHOW PROGRESS OF WHEEL

Models of two old Chinese war chariots, based on bronze fragments dating from about 500 B. C., have been received at the Smithsonian Institution and are considered of special interest in that they show the development of the wheel. The discovery of this way of transportation goes back to a time before the dawn of history when it was found that heavy burdens could be rolled on logs. The earliest object representing such a method, and now included in the museum's exhibits, dates from only the fourth century before Christ.

> The chariot wheels, much older and far more elaborately developed, indicate what a high degree of civilization had been attained in China in very early times. They have long, protruding hubs and flanged spokes to prevent the chariots from sinking in the mud. A feature of the equipment was the umbrella set to protect the warrior's head from rain and sunshine. fragments were found during excavations.

The first grain reaper was constructed on an anvil in a blacksmith shop.

GATHER SHRIMPS WITH HORSES ALONG BELGIAN COAST/400

Shrimp fishermen in Belgium save time and labor by using horses to drag their nets through the surf. The plan permits use of larger equipment and working of a wider area, as the horse carries the fisherman and his outfit to and from the beach.



Where the Horse Does Double Duty; Shrimp-Fishing on Belgian Coast



Mr. Cathcart and Specimens of His Coconut Carvings; the Shells Are Ex-

PALM-TREE FRUIT IS TURNED INTO CURIOS

During the last twenty-six years, E. A. Catheart, of Miami, Fla., has carved more the 100,000 coconuts into souvenirs and curios which have been circulated by an ever-increasing tourist army throughout the United States.

Give him a Bahama or Florida nut about the size of a football, and, in four minutes, he will convert it into the grotesque effigy of a Seminole chieftain arrayed for the

warpath. Or, if you desire a fancy necktie holder, a new tobacco box, a pin tray, an ornamental hanging basket, a lamp or similar article of utility, this talented artisan will make it for you from the fiberhusked fruit. He uses paints and pigments, razor-edged knives, clamshells. red and green leather, and the art

ing the tough, shaggy nuts of a curious tropical* tree into curios which sell for from \$1 to \$15 or more a piece. If you think coconut carving is an ordinary, routine, unadventurous calling, you should spend a few hours with Mr. Cathcart in his workshop. It really is a rather hazardous occupa-Mr. Catheart's arms, hands and torso are speckled with scars, the relics of the innumerable wounds and cuts which he has suffered in carving more than twenty-five shiploads of coconuts. The fiber of the coco-. nut is one of the most tenacious substances which human hands ever

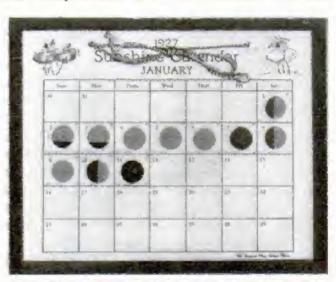
and artifices of the novelty producer, in convert-

attempted to cut with edge tools. It is tougher than seasoned locust wood and stronger than hemp. It is practically impossible to cut against the grain. It requires the full force of a strong arm even to sever chips from the mature nut.

CALENDAR FITTED TO RECORD WEATHER CONDITIONS

Besides presenting the dates, a calendar has space for yellow, gray and black disks to indicate whether the day was bright,

> cloudy or stormy. The disks are pasted. on according to the weather conditions, so that at the end of the month, for instance, it is possible to tell at a glance if there was more sunshine than cloudiness or just what the days were without consulting the written reports. There is also room for temperature entries if desired.



For a Visual Record of Sunshine and Cloud; Calendar with Colored Disks That Tell Weather/Conditions

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STARS ARE SOURCE OF X-RAYS ASTRONOMER BELIEVES, 29

Like rays of light, the X-rays are waves, traveling at the same speed but vastly shorter than those of light, and although they have been put to useful tasks, they are still much of a mystery. A new interest attaches to them in the discovery that they are reaching us from the celestial spaces and seem to be peculiarly strong when the Milky Way is in the zenith. As they are nearly as intense at night as by day, it is thought that they cannot originate in the sun but must come from the stars. According to an English astronomer all energy is the result of radiation produced as the substance of the star proceeds toward annihilation. The process is marked by peculiar behavior of the waves of energy. In old highly condensed stars like the sun, the waves, moving from the center to the outer layers, are increased in length and reach the surface as heat and light waves. In young, slightly condensed stars, the Xrays from the center encounter little matter and reach outer space almost unaltered, this authority believes.

RATCHET AUTO-BRAKE TESTER ELIMINATES GUESSWORK

Testing and adjusting the auto brakes alike are simplified by a small ratchet unit

recently placed on the market. After the car is jacked up and the brake pedal depressed and immobilized with a holder, the tester is placed under a rim lug which has been turned to the rear and parallel with the center of the

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hub. The ratchet is then operated to compress the spring in the tester. Rear brakes should be adjusted to register from 250 to 300 pounds and the front brakes fifty pounds less.

¶Our Bureau of Information will answer all questions regarding articles appearing in this magazine.



Spraying Trees from the Portable Tower for Better Treatment of the Tops and Less Waste

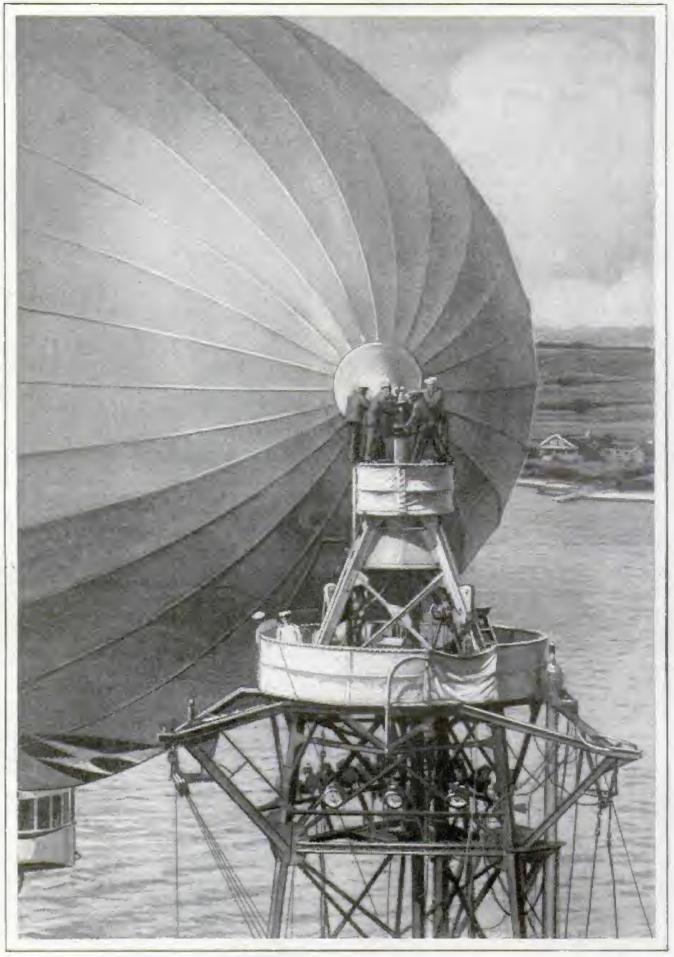
SPRAYING TOWER FOR GARDEN

Reduction of waste and more efficient spraying are claimed for a compact outfit developed in Germany. Its outstanding feature is a tower which enables the operator to work at a convenient height, where the spray will reach the branches with the best results. The stand also permits the use of shorter nozzles, easily reaching all parts of a tree.

GRAY WOLVES ARE VANQUISHED

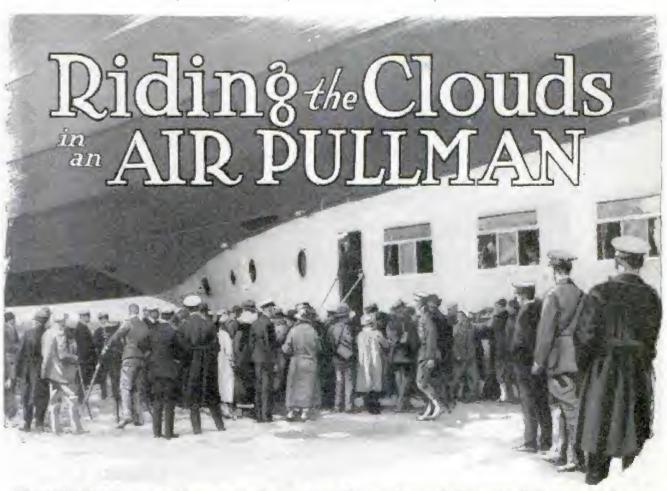
Depredations of the large gray wolf are believed to be almost at an end in the west because of the unremitting activities of the United States biological survey and other agencies against them. In New Mexico, only eight were caught last year and thirty-one the preceding year. Arizona reports that no wolves are now known to be within the borders of that state. A constant patrol is kept along the international boundary to prevent invasions by timber wolves and mountain lions from Mexico.

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Anchoring the Nose Cone of the "Los Angeles" to the Cup on the Mooring Mast of the "Patoka," the World's Only Floating Landing Field for Airships; the Lofty Mast Is Ascended by Elevator

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Friends Bidding Goodby to Passengers in the "Los Angeles"; the Round Portholes Are Windows in the Cook's Galley, and the Triple Windows Light the Pullman Staterooms

By CLIFFORD A. TINKER

I SAT one morning at dawn on the rim of the hatch in the very top of the "Los Angeles'" great gas bag and watched the sun come up. Far aft, bowed in the face of a sixty-mile wind and protected only by a light life line, a petty officer was moving along on the smooth aluminum-painted fabric of the huge ship, pausing to inspect each of the helium escape valves. Eighty feet below, on the narrow catwalk along the keel, officers and men were watching the gasoline tanks and water ballast and the helium gauges, while below them, in the engine nacelles and control cabin, the rest of the crew stood on duty.

Far underneath, Sandy Hook and the Narrows at the entrance of New York harbon were slipping past, shrouded in low-lying mist. Giant ocean liners, a six-masted schooner and a sprinkling of smaller craft were coming in with the tide, while the lighthouses on land and the lightship at sea continued to send their beams through the darkness.

As I watched, away to the east, at the rim of my sixty-mile vision, the coppery

clouds dissipated, the golden glow of the morning reached up from the horizon, turning the lower sky to a robins'-egg hue which graded off to blue, deeper blue and finally to indigo, set with stars, at the zenith. Suddenly intense flaming light leaped above the paling darkness of the ocean, and the upper limb of the sun appeared, growing rapidly to a ball of fire. Down below, the world was still dark, awaiting the dawn.

That is just one thrill, but probably the biggest, that comes to the passenger on the world's biggest aerial pullman. We had weighed off from the mooring mast at Lakehurst at four o'clock, a favorite hour for starting an aerial cruise, for the gas is still condensed from the night's cool air, and hence the ship can start with the largest possible supply of lifting power. We were bound on a two-day cruise to Newport, to moor for a few hours at the floating mast of the "Patoka," the only seagoing airship anchorage in the world.

The night before, the passengers had arrived at the Lakehurst field just as dusk

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Accommodations Are Good; Above Is One of the Washrooms: Center, a Stateroom with Seats Which Can Be Turned into Four Berths

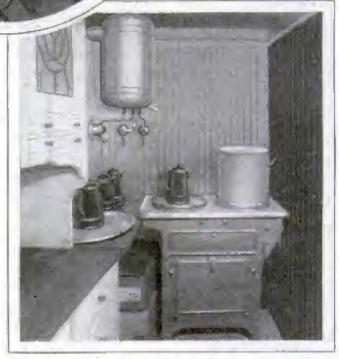
was closing over the giant airship, already swinging in the breeze at the top of the lofty mast. A searchlight cut the gloom and flashed along the silvery bag as the ground crew kept watch against sudden wind squalls which might make it

necessary to cut loose and seek the safety of higher altitudes. When the summons came to go aboard, passengers and those of the crew who had spent the night on land hurried to the mast, rode up in an elevator and climbed the gangplank which stuck up to an open hatch in the underside of the airship's nose. Down the narrow catwalk of the keel they went, following orderlies carrying the baggage, to the ladder that drops to the control car, where passengers were shown to their staterooms which are equipped with cushioned seats that are made up into berths at night. Near by are washrooms, with hot and cold water, and all the comforts the finest transcontinental train affords.

The drone of powerful engines fills the cabin with a low-pitched buzz and you look out to find Lakehurst slipping away into the distance. The ship has got under way so quietly, that before you realize the fact it is headed for the Jersey shore and distant Sandy Hook. There is no rolling, for the stabilizers correct that, and only infrequently a pitching motion as the ship wallows in the long air waves, and even that pitching is speedily checked as the elevatorman corrects it with a slight movement of the flippers, as the elevator rudders are called.

The control cabin, a glass-walled navigating bridge in the bow of the car, is a hive of industry, with activities little different from those on the bridge of a warship at sea. At the chart-covered table, the navigator is busy computing the steer-

ing allowance to be made for the early morning breeze and plotting the course and position from time to time. The officer of the deck checks the recording instruments, records his data and watches the helmsman, standing at the steering wheel in the bow, with a compass before him, and the elevatorman, whose



A Corner of the Electric Galley in the Big Airship "Los Angeles"; the Necessary Electric Current Is Delivered by a Generator That Is Driven by a Small Propeller under the Control Car

process by which nitrogen is obtained from the air for food, fertilizer and explosives, and the synthetic production of methyl alcohol are developments of this method. Research in this line has been going on little more than twenty years, but investigators already see the production of synthetic motor fuel from coal and water by combining carbon monoxide and hydrogen under high pressure, as a possibility. Sugar and starch from petroleum and soap from kerosene are other achievements likely to be realized. According to Prof. Norman-W. Krase, of the University of Ulinois, the United States would be independent of outside sources In wartime for its nitrogen supply, due to the success of the process for obtaining it from the air.

GLIDING ROLLER SKATES ARE LESS TIRING

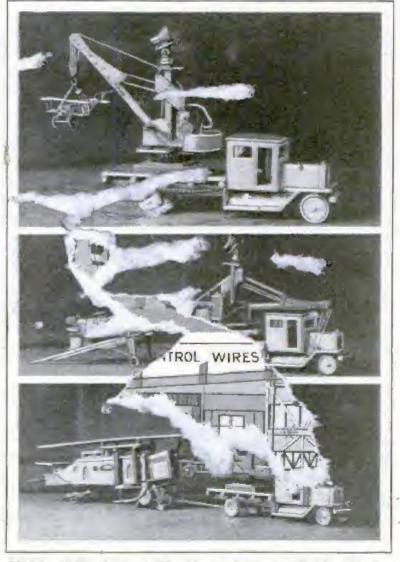
Roller skates with which, by an ordinary walking step, the wearer can glide along at considerable speed are the latest novelty for covering distance. They resemble ordinary roller skates, but are

arranged in such a manner that, when pressure is put on them, the wheels automatically lock, and cannot turn backward. The wearer advances one foot, as though to take a step, and glides along on the skate while the other foot is being brought forward and advanced. When the second foot is placed on the ground and the weight transferred to the first, the wheels of the latter skate are locked, so they cannot slide backward, thereby giving a firm footing of the latter skate.

for starting the glide of the other foot. The skates are equipped with rubber rollers so they can be used in office or home.



(ISmall cubes of ice, wrapped in paraffin paper and packed in wax cartons, are being sold in drug stores.

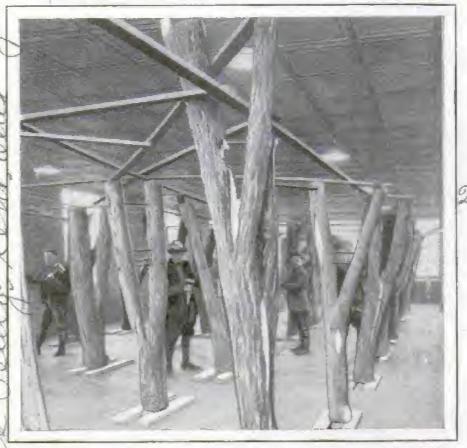


Models of the Airplane Wrecking and Towing Outfit, Showing How It Could Be Used to Haul Disabled Craft to the Hangar

TO AID IN LANDINGS 189

Designed to aid the air service in somewhat the same way as a wrecking train serves the railroad, a crane devised by an Ohio inventor is capable of various tasks. A particular function would be to bring in planes that have been compelled by a storm, fog, ice formation under the wings, or from any other cause, to alight on emergency fields some distance from the main one. In case the ship were disabled, the crane could be sent out along the highway, a cable extended and the plane pulled in. The towing skid is so arranged that it will straddle rows of corn, and the plane would be elevated so that it would not damage corn in the tassel. The wheels are guarded to protect smaller grains like wheat and oats. The crane could pull in a plane a quarter of a mile away, it is said.

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Where Students Study a "Forest under a Roof"; Glimpse of the Winter Laboratory for Tree Doctors

INSIDE FOREST HELPS IN STUDY OF TREE SURGERY

When winter weather prevents work in the woods, students of forestry and tree surgery at an Ohio school are able to continue their research indoors without interruption. This is made possible by an "inside forest," a group of tree trunks fastened in upright position in a laboratory building protected from the cold. Study of the specimens can thus be made in comfort, and operations performed with attention to detail that would be impossible in the frosty woods.

MAKING WEATHER FOR THE ZOO TO GUARD ANIMALS' HEALTH

Equipment for washing, circulating and Reeping the air at the proper temperature is being installed in buildings of the national zoological park at Washington, D. C., to protect the health of 2,600 animals and birds. In most of the houses, conditions like those of an ideal June day will be maintained with a temperature of sixtyeight degrees, relative humidity of forty to forty-five per cent and the air slowly

moving. The installation is expected to make possible the safekeeping of animals that ordinarily would not thrive in American climate.

WOMAN INVENTS TRAFFIC SIGN FOR 16 EOLOR-BLIND

Designed so that it may be suspended in the center of the street, or mounted on a pole at the side, an electric traffic signal, invented by a western woman, is featured by the differentshaped lenses for the lights. The red is inclosed in a triangle, the central amber, or "wait," lightis in a square and the green sign, underneath, in a circle. This is intended to aid persons

who have difficulty in distinguishing colors or in reading the sign on the lens. An additional innovation is the manner in which the lights flash. The red is surmounted by smaller bulbs that flash in a manner suggesting a policeman waving his arms, and a circle of bulbs around the green light rotates to indicate that traffic may proceed.



Traffic Signal with Warnings Inclosed in Frames of Different Shapes, for More Accurate Reading

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With Gas Mask to Collect the Breath, So That the Energy Consumed Can Be Measured, and an Observer with Stop Watch to Time the Output, the Typist Is Ready for a Noise Test

What Noise Does to Your Nerves

Tests Show Office Workers Use More Energy and Are Fatigued More Quickly When Ears Are Assailed by Din of City

A TYPIST working in a very noisy room will not make more errors than when working in a quieter place, but will use as much as twenty per cent more energy because of the strain, with consequent earlier fatigue, and, as the day advances, progressive slowing down in output.

These facts have been uncovered by Dr. Donald Laird, of Columbia university, who recently staged a two weeks' experiment to determine the effect of the noise of a modern city on a worker who was using brain and fingers at the same time.

For two hours each day, a skilled typist wrote the same letter over and over, while noise machines produced the clatter of typewriters and duplicating machines, the intermittent ringing of telephone bells, rumble of traffic in the street, an occasional blaring auto siren, and a phonograph from time to time reeled off a disturbing dialogue. While she worked, a gas mask,

fitted over nose and mouth, carried her breath to measuring instruments in an adjoining room, where, every fifteen minutes, a test of the oxygen and carbon-dioxide content was made to measure the energy consumed. All the while an observer, armed with a stop watch, timed the period taken to write each letter, to insert the paper in the machine and later remove it, and the pauses between operations.

For the first few days the experiment was carried out in a room lined wih soundabsorbing material, so that the noises produced by the machines would be deadened. Then the typist was moved to a room lined with brick walls, so that every sound would be reflected and multiplied as it reverberated again and again.

In both rooms the subject declared she was not particularly disturbed by the usual office noises, typewriters, telephone, conversation and the rumble of distant traffic.



Posed for Speed, with Back Unsupported, Hands Following the Keyboard Slant and Fingers Close to Keys

but the occasional blare of the auto horn caused her to make mistakes. Despite her belief that the increased noise was not especially disturbing she collapsed on the second morning in the brick-walled room before the two-hour period was over.

The scientific apparatus showed that her report on how she felt was not an accurate index of what was really happening, for, while there was no perceptible difference in the number of errors made from day to day, the carbon-dioxide count showed a twenty-per-cent increase in energy consumed trying to concentrate in the greater din, and the stop watch showed a steady loss in output.

In the quieter room her speed increased steadily during the two-hour period, so that she worked at the highest rate toward the end. But in the noisy room, after the first forty-five minutes, speed began to fall off. Even the time taken to remove a sheet and replace it with another increased when there was noise and confusion in the room.

On the final day of the test, the noise machine was turned off and she worked in absolute quiet, even her typewriter being of a noiseless kind, but the output for the day did not differ materially from that in the moderately noisy room, indicating that up to a certain point noise does not interfere with work.

To check the results obtained with his skilled typist, Dr. Laird performed a similar, though briefer, experiment with several girls of average ability, and found they were still more susceptible to disturbance. On the average, they consumed thirty-five per cent more energy in concentrating against the disturbances.

Other scientists who have been investigating the relation of noise to slowing down of work have had similar experiences. Dr. Linus W. Kline, of the Harvard psychological laboratory, tied strings of tin cans together and dragged them across the floor while his students tried to concentrate on a mental problem. He found the noise interfered appreciably with their ability.

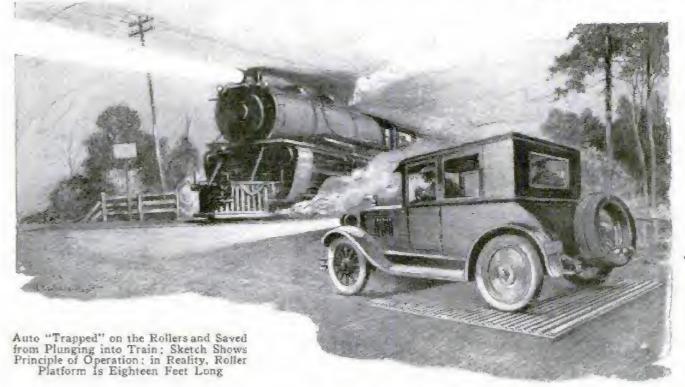
Another experimenter, Dr. John J. B. Morgan, of Columbia university, rigged up a typewriter so that the pressure applied to the keys could be measured. He found that under the influence of disturbing sounds typists used more energy by striking the keys harder than they normally did.

Workers in machine shops and similar places, where excessive noise is a daily routine, eventually become more or less deaf, but recent experiments show that others in far less noisy places have their hearing impaired merely through fatigue of the ears. In tests made at the university of Wisconsin with a watch mounted on a traveling carriage, it was discovered that students could not hear the ticking as far when they concentrated on a mental problem as they could when their minds were at rest, and that strenuous physical exercise had the same effect. Diminished hearing power, it was found, would give warning of approaching fatigue some time before the body began to feel the effects of too much exercise.

Even in sleep, Dr. Laird discovered, the ears are active. The passing of a street car or the blowing of an automobile horn raises the blood pressure instantly, even though the sleeper does not wake.

All of the experiments are being made with the view of devising rules for rearranging offices or shops so that workers who must concentrate can be relieved from the strains that will affect their efficiency.

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ROLLERS AT RAILROAD CROSSING TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS

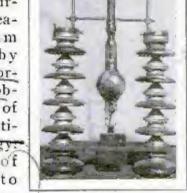
As a means for reducing automobile accidents at railroad crossings, an Ohio inventor has patented a roller device which has proved effective under tests. There Sare two sets of rollers, each eighteen feet of long, installed in the highway near the rail approach. They revolve only one way and when the automobile strikes them, as train is approaching, they turn, keeping the car from going forward. When the rain passes, a switch locks the rollers so hat the auto can proceed.

AIR-TIGHT POT FOR ADHESIVES PREVENTS WASTE.

tite Container especially for cement to be used in shoe-repair shops, a glass container has spring jaws on the opening for the brush, so that the glue will not evaporate when the swab is taken out. It has been estimated that approximately thirty per cent of the cement is lost in open jars through evaporation. The jaws not only seal the bottle, but remove excess liquid from the brush, preventing additional waste and keeping the hands from becoming unnecessarily sticky. The glue is constantly kept at a level no higher than the bristles.

VACUUM SWITCH_STOPS ARCKING IN POWER LINES 2137

Elimination of the dangerous are that usually attends operation of the switch in a high-power circuit is the chief feature of a vacuum unit invented by Frof. Royal W. Sorenson and Dr. Robert A. Millikan, of the California institute of technology: The new type of switch is said to have handled cur-



rent of 1,000 amperes at 40,000 volts without the arc that accompanies use of the oil switch. It is built to accommodate a potential of 60,000 volts and is expected to effect improvements in methods on high-power lines.

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Demonstrating the Cutting Torch Which Uses Natural or Manufactured Gas; It Has a "Superheating" Unit

CUTTING TORCH USING CITY GAS REDUCES EXPENSE

Manufactured or natural gas can be used instead of acetylene or other gases in a cutting torch equipped with a "superheating" unit, which raises the temperature of both gas and oxygen to a point of great efficiency. It is said that this torch saves twenty-five per cent in operating costs over the usual kind.

REMEDIES ON RAFT ARE SENT 122 TO ISLAND BY LINER

Speeding from South America to Lisbon recently, the Royal Mail liner "Andes" intercepted an urgent SOS signal by wireless. The call was from the little West Indian island of St. Vincent. "Influenza is raging among the islanders," was the message. "Medical supplies are scarce. Can help be sent at once, please?" Charts were consulted, the "Andes" was steered 170 miles off its regular route. When the island was sighted and the ship had approached within a mile of the shore, supplies were lowered to a special raft which had been built for the purpose, and the cargo of mercy was left adrift for the men

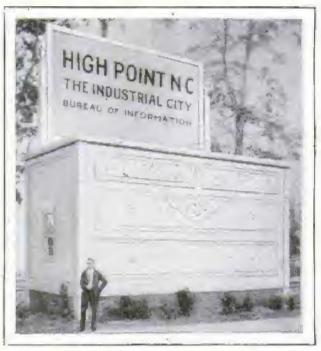
who quickly rowed out from land to tow it in. The raft plan had been devised so that none of the "Andes" crew would be exposed to the disease.

OLD BANKNOTES ARE SALVAGED 0 2 20 FOR WRITING PAPER

Profits for the government of \$50,000 a year or more, are seen as a result of a recently developed process for converting worn-out banknotes into serviceable writing paper of high quality. The saving has been made possible by the discovery of a method of removing all the ink and impurities from the pulp into which the paper money is macerated after the notes are no longer fit for service. About four tons of this material and trimmings from the currency printings are available daily.

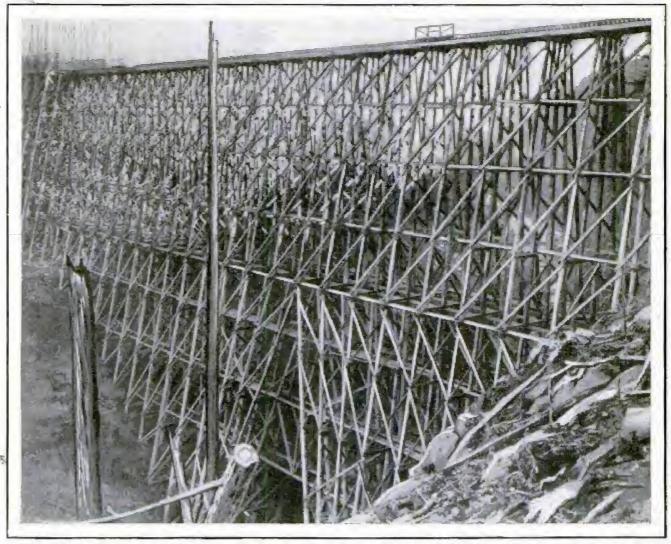
A REAL INFORMATION "BUREAU" ADVERTISES TOWN

Furniture manufacturing is the chief activity in a North Carolina city, so the chamber of conmerce considered it entirely fitting that the bureau of information to guide visitors should be housed in an office resembling a product of the local mills. The unusual building is designed to resemble a bureau with a large sign in the mirror space, and is twentyseven feet wide and thirty-two feet high.



A Bureau That Is a Bureau; Information Office at High Point, N. C., Housed in Dresserlike Structure

BRIDGE FOR LOGS IS TWO HUNDRED FEET HIGH



High Timber Bridge over Ravine in Washington Lumbering District; It Is More Than 204 Feet above the Bottom of the Canyon and Nearly 900 Feet Long

What is said to be the tallest timber bridge in the world has been completed in Washington for hauling logs across a deep ravine. It is slightly over 204 feet high, 893 feet long and required 836,000 feet of lumber and pilings to complete it. According to figures of the company, 8,000,000 lineal feet of lumber are hauled across it each month.

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Three schoolhouses, complete with brick chimneys and furniture, were part of the cargo of the "Boxer" on its recent journey to Alaska. The buildings were shipped in knock-down form, and carpenters to erect them went along. Alaska's bureau of education now has eighty-nine schools. Instruction in vocational subjects, such as carpentry, cooking and sewing, receives

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special emphasis. A standard motion-picture machine and a phonograph were also on board. These were purchased by Alaskan natives.

PROMOTES SAFETY 1923

So that the automobile stoplight may more easily be seen, a flashing unit, spliced

into the circuit, causes the lamp to wink continuously with a sharp, commanding signal, as soon as the foot brake is depressed. It

may also be used to animate the lighted radiator cap, and is serviceable to the taxi driver when connected with the "vacant" sign to attract the attention of passengers.

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"Skyscraper"
Jail at Shreveport, La.; Cells
Are Concealed in Upper Portion of Building behind Artistic Gratings

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JAIL ON TOP OF COURTHOUSE IS CLEVERLY CONCEALED

The top stories of a handsome courthouse building for Shreveport, La., contain the jail, but there is little if any outward evidence of the fact, for ornamental latticework about the windows serves as bars and the section is cleverly incorporated into the structure as a whole. An additional advantage of the plan is that prisoners will have less opportunity to escape from their lofty cells.

CLAIMS FOR PENSIONS INCREASE WITH PASSING YEARS

It is more than sixty years since the close of the Civil war and twenty-eight

since the Spanish-American war, but the number of pension claims is increasing each year. Veterans and widows to the number of 95,000 filed applications, relating to both wars, last year, the number for the Spanish-American war alone being four times the total filed for pensions twenty vears ago. In five years, the pension bureau has handled more than 660,-000 applications, a number exceeding the total roll of pensioners now on the government books.

One of the interesting phases of the task is that relatively few cases of dishonesty are found. Out of 120,000 claims investigated annually, only an average of about ten reveal false claims or impersonations. Exceptional attempts at fraud are some-

times encountered. One veteran, familiar with the service records of two comrades, tried to collect pensions in their names, although both had died years before. One claim was allowed, but when an agent failed to find one of the veterans, the subsequent investigation led

to the discovery of the fraud. Another man filed the record of a friend although he himself had never served in any war. In checking the claim, officials found that the man had committed suicide shortly after the end of the war.

NEW SOD FOR PUTTING GREENS
TO IMPROVE GOLE GAME

One of the latest developments at the government's plant-experiment station, near Washington, D. C., is an improved sod for golf-putting greens. It can be handled in large sections, is extremely flexible and is said to remain fresh and green in spite of dry seasons. It is expected to reduce maintenance costs on courses as well as to insure better playing.



Sod Handled like Carpet; Flexible Growth Developed at Government Experiment Station for Use on Golf Greens



Learning How Logs, Cut for Making Ties, Are Peeled: Young "Tree Farmers" Are Instructed in Efficient Methods of Lumbering as Well as in Ways of Preserving Trees

"Know Trees" Is the Aim of Forest Clubs

Boys and Girls in Many States Unite to Learn Woodland Lore and Save Trees

By S. R. WINTERS

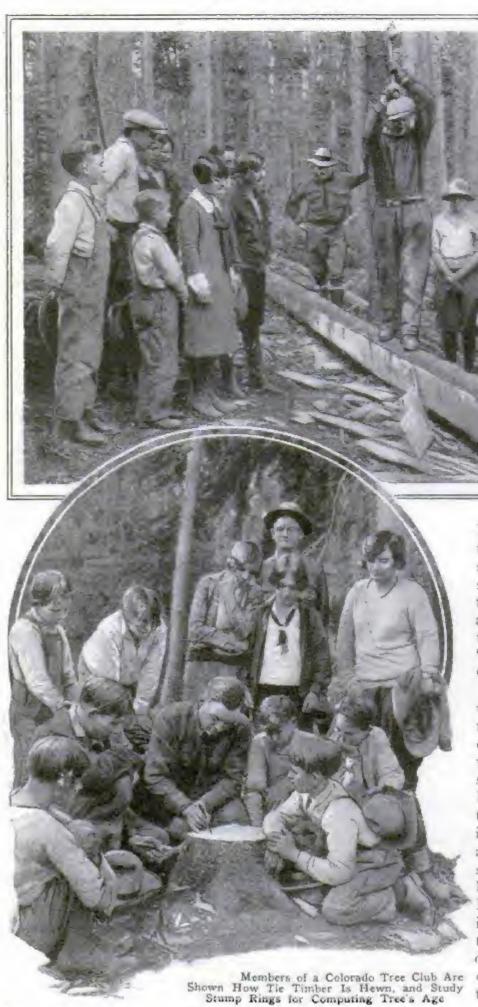
"PLANT a forest and grow up with the trees," is the slogan of a boys' club in North Carolina. "Know Your Trees Club" is the name of a girls' organization in Vermont. Forestry clubs in New Hampshire planted 58,400 seedlings on fifty-one different farms last year, and Tennessee boys are forming woodlot clubs with each member pledged to gather. for planting purposes, a peck of seeds of the black-locust tree.

These reports are part of the latest extension project of the department of agriculture. The forestry-club work is a new form of education, with fields, forests and

woodlots as schoolrooms. Reforestation is the big objective of this school, and through the activities of farm boys and girls, the process of replenishing barren woodlots may be speeded up measurably.

Farm-forest clubs among boys and girls are barely more than a year old and yet the work has extended to eighteen states, scattered throughout the nation. Oddly illustrative of this new club activity is an organization in Orleans county, Vermont, composed exclusively of girls. Instead of enrolling in canning and sewing clubs, these ten girls go into the forests and measure the height and diameter of trees.

affice of Co- operative Extension Work



Leaf and tree identification, the planting of trees, study of use of trees, shrub identification, and the mounting of birds, are among the other activities of this self-styled "Know Your Trees Club."

In New Hampshire, where 400 boys are enrolled in farm-forestry clubs, the mounting of wood collections is a stimulating activity, one boy having mounted thirty-five beautifully finished specimens, labeled and arranged on boards so as to form sides of a box. Robert Granville, a New Hampshire youth, in thinning and pruning the forests to a proper density, cut eighteen cords of wood as his contribution to the winter's fuel

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supply. The importance of this new agricultural extension project is apparent when we are told that wood is the source of twenty per cent of the average farm income and that the woodlot spreads over half the farm area.

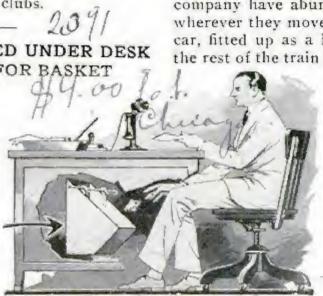
The forest craft in Wisconsin has adopted the pine cone as the fraternity emblem, and the tree planter accepts the mattock as his symbol of activity. The Wisconsin conservation commission furnishes seedlings free to junior foresters. for planting purposes, and the junior forest ranger has adopted the following creed: "To learn the ways of tree, forest and wild life that I may be of service in protecting and propagating these natural resources; to learn to love the things of outdoor life worth preserving and to understand nature's method as means of preparing myself to be master of myself. ready to take my place among men, and ready to face courageously the self-interest that tempts men to use selfishly the resources they in no wise help to build up; thus, in these ways, to help restore, and to enjoy, and to pass on to posterity our state more beautiful, enjoyable and provident than it was passed on to us."

Father and son participate in a co-operative enterprise in forestry clubs of New Jersey. Each boy enrolling in this juvenile woodcraft organization obtains from his father the loan of at least one acre of abandoned or low-productive land for tree farming. The junior forestry project is stimulated by the award of prizes to members demonstrating proficiency in the various activities of the clubs.

WASTE BIN FITTED UNDER DESK SUBSTITUTE FOR BASKET

Attached to a rod underneath the office desk, where it is readily accessible when needed, a durable bin has been devised to take the place of the usual waste basket. It is easily adjusted, saves floor space and does not interfere with a person sitting at the desk.

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Bin in Place, Showing How Convenient It Is for Use

How the Gun Is Held for Shooting Arrows; a Strong Rubber Band Furnishes the Propelling Power

RUBBER GUN SHOOTS ARROWS TO KILL SMALL GAME

For target practice and killing small animals, such as rabbits; gophers, and the like, a steel-barreled gun uses a stout rubber band to project a dart with great force. Since it is noiseless, it has advantages in hunting and is said to afford healthful recreation when used for shooting arrows high into the air.

BOX CAR FITTED AS LIBRARY TRAVELS WITH LUMBERMEN 225

Lumberjacks employed by a Montana company have abundant reading material wherever they move their camp, for a box car, fitted up as a library, is hauled with the rest of the train and shunted on a side-

track. Steps are lowered and the car is ready for service. Two-thirds of the walls are occupied by open cases, and many books are packed for carrying to distant camps. More than 3.000 books were borrowed last year, and in leisure hours, the car is usually filled with readers.

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Lieut. Comm. R. R. Lukens of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, the U. S. S. "Pioneer," and Samples of Deep-Sea Water

OCEAN MYSTERIES ARE BARED BY WATER FROM DEPTHS

Five miles deep into the ocean, and all for a bottle of water! Such a stunt suggests an idle pastime, but it is one of the interesting activities of the men in the United States coast and geodetic survey, who are plumbing the seas to learn more of its dark bed, the density, temperature and contents of its waters. Braving the ocean in the little vessels of the coastguard fleet, the sea explorers drop a large, pear-shaped apparatus into the depths until it reaches the bottom. An attachment gathers in a quantity of water from the ocean floor, while another instrument scoops up mud and sand to show the character of the sea bed. A thermometer records the temperature. Depths of 30,000 feet have been examined in this way off the Philippine and Japanese coasts, while

the U.S. survey has plumbed a depth of 4,500 fathoms north of Porto Rico. Crews now working in the Pacific are measuring depths of an average of 1,000 fathoms.

ODD HATS FOR MEN

12 In New Guinea, the men wear their hair in the form of an enormous mop and decorate this with feathers of the bird of paradise. A bamboo comb is used to keep it in position. A Chinese general was distinguished by his hat of sable skins, studded with diamonds, rubies and other precious stones, and set off with a fringe of beaten gold. One of the shahs of Persia was known as the "Sea of Light" when arrayed in his glittering robes and jewel-decorated hat. Formosa head hunters wear a hempen cloth adorned with plaits of hair from their victims. Hats woven of leaves.

bark and bamboo are common among people of northern Burma. Some of them are at least four feet wide and are used as receptacles for food and other articles or as trays, while, among the women, they customarily are employed as cradles in which they carry their babies.

AUTO TOWLINE IN SPRING REEL KEPT FROM SAGGING



Inclosed in a spring reel which may be quickly attached to any car, an automobile towline is kept taut and does not sag when in use. This reduces wear and keeps the line from dragging.

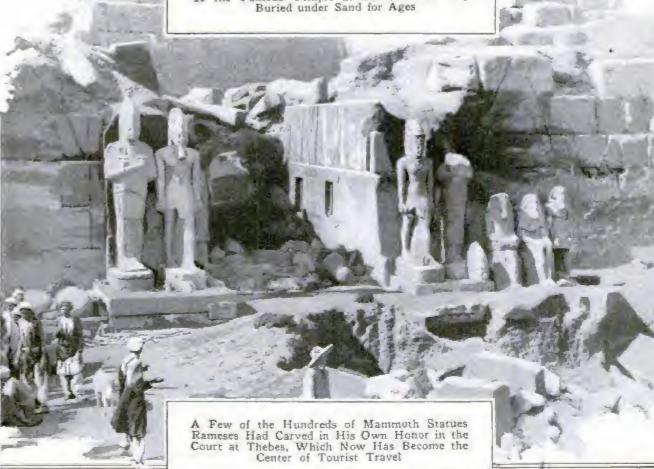
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Where Customers Can Shop from Their Autos; Wayside Markets in Los Angeles Save Time and Parking Worries

MOTORISTS' OPEN-AIR MARKET SAVES LEAVING CAR

Solution of the parking problem while shopping and greater convenience are afforded in an open-air market system introduced in Los Angeles. The motorists can drive directly alongside the store counter, make selections and purchases and drive on without getting out of the automobile. The stores are so arranged that goods can be protected from the weather with but little trouble.

SEALED TYPING-RIBBON BOX PREVENTS DRYING OUT

Where stocks of type ribbons are kept for a considerable time, there is likelihood of their becoming too dry to function sat-



isfactorily. This hazard is said to have been eliminated by a hermetrically sealed tin for the ribbon, opened by a winding key like that on containers of food.

The box is especially suited for localities where dry weather prevails or there are few apportunities for renewing supplies.

MARVELS OF THE HUMAN HEART

Under normal conditions, the human heart moves more than 500 pounds of blood each hour in an adult person, while as much as eight gallons a minute may be pumped through it under such severe exercise as The heart has rowing. various speeds, from forty-five to 180 beats a minute, a total of 100,000 for the twenty-four hours being common. A statistician has estimated that the blood of a grown person travels about seven miles an hour, 168 miles in a day or more than 61,000 miles a year. If a

man eighty years old had a corpuscle that had been in his blood since birth, that corpuscle would have made a journey of nearly 5,000,000 miles. An adult man's heart weighs from ten to twelve ounces, about two ounces more than a woman's.

INDICATOR TELLS WORLD TIME

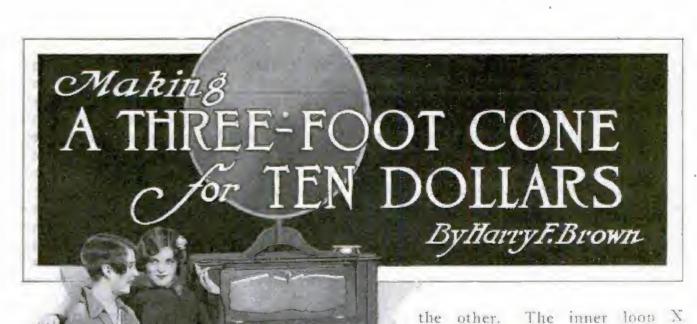
Speed of communication has made it necessary to make many more time calcu-

lations than were formerly required and, to aid in this, a card indicator has been devised which shows, at a glance, the correct hour for practically all parts of the globe. A revolving center dial marked with the hours for day and



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night, is turned about a table of longitude divisions from 0 to 180. Names of cities are printed to correspond with their approximate location so that, when the dial is set at Greenwich time, the local time of other cities is shown, every fifteenth degree being used as a time meridian.



WITHIN the last few months various manufacturers have placed on the market specially designed units for homemade cone speakers. These are equipped with a suitable pin or "thrust rod" for attaching to the cone apex itself, making possible the construction of a good cone by the amateur. Heavy parchment paper is supplied with the unit, and in some cases the necessary sticks for mounting the cone, making the outfit complete. The size of the cone is optional with the builder; he can select either of the sizes suggested on page 122 and lay out the cone accordingly.

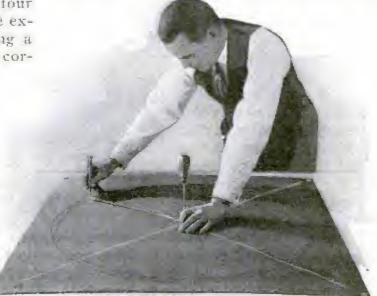
Lay the parchment on a table or other flat surface and pin it down at the four corners with thumbtacks. Locate the exact center of the sheet by snapping a chalked string across the paper from cor-

ner to corner. We will assume that the builder has decided to make a 36-in. cone. A glance at the note on page 122 shows that the outside circle A requires a radius of 19 in. The simplest and most efficient method of drawing the circle is to use a length of common round busbar wire bent in the manner shown in the upper illustration on page 123. This guide is bent into a single hook at one end and a double loop at

should be measured from the hook to describe the inner circle and the inner radius given for the 36-in. cone would be the one shown at B in the diagram on the same page, or 183% in. The outer loop X should be 19 in. from the hook. The method used to describe the circle is clearly shown in the photo on this page. An ice pick is driven in the exact center of the parchment and the hooked end of the wire placed around the pick; a pencil is then put in the outer loop and the outer circle drawn; when this is completed, the inner circle is scored (not cut) with a blunt tool placed in the

The next step is to cut out the outer circle with a pair of scissors. A radial incision is then made from circumference to center along the grain of the paper. The section to be cut is shown at C, and is measured at the outer edge for a width of 61/4 in. Allowance should be made for

inner loop.



The cone is now ready to mount on the

cross sticks. These are notched at the

center and the supporting block for the

unit is screwed to the sticks at the center.

Mount the unit on the block so that the

thrust rod will be in the exact center of

the crossed sticks; this is important, be-

cause the rod must center at the apex of

the cone. Lay the sticks on the table with

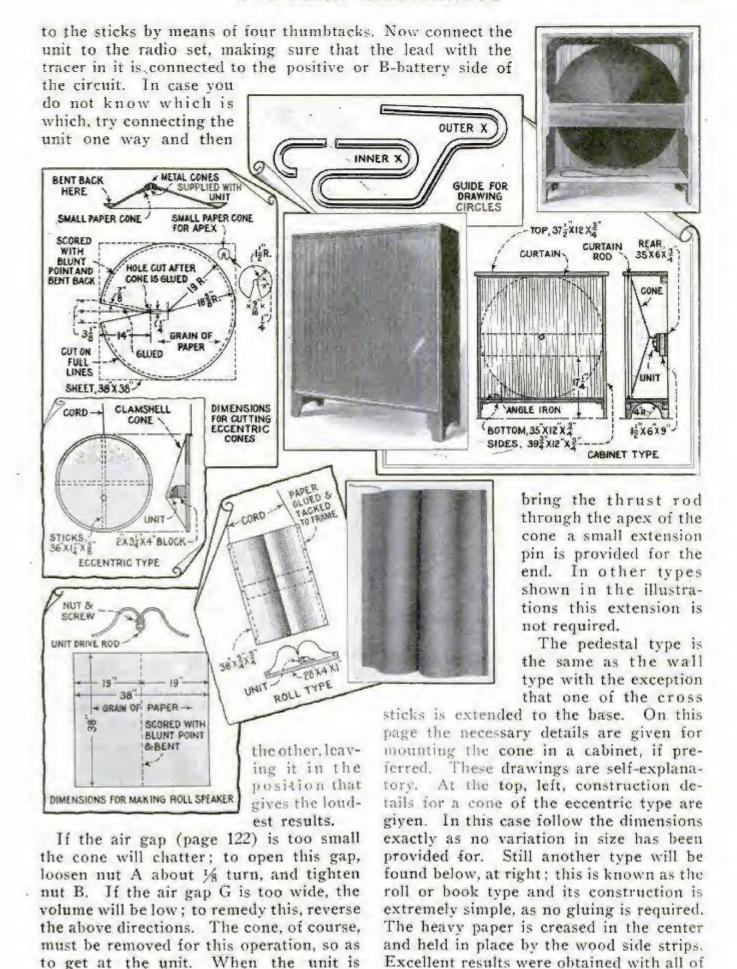
the unit and thrust rod up, remove the

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a 1/8-in. flap for gluing, and this should be outlined with a pencil before cutting. This flap is brushed with glue and the edges drawn together as shown in the central photo on this page. The glued edge should be covered with a ruler or other wood strip, and held down with a flatiron or other weight for at least 20 minutes, or until thoroughly dry. A 1/4-in, hole is now cut at the apex of the cone to take the thrust rod of the unit, and the next step is to cut out a little disk of the heavy parchment, shaped as shown in the upper right-

top nut on the rod and slip one of the brass disks over it so that the disk rests on the lower nut, point side up. hand corner of the gently lower the large cone over the rod diagram. The raand let it settle in place over the disk; the dius of this disk upper disk is then placed over the top is 11/2 in. and the and held in place by means of the other nut. The disks need not be changed to compensate for variations in amplifier current, and the cone is completed except for fastening the outer turned-back edge - EXCIXE 5X5X3 36 XI X SMALL PAPER CONE METAL CONES SUPPLIED REAR VIEW WITH UNIT BENT BACK HERE ON BLOCK SX MOUNT UNIT GONE SAME AS X2" MOUNT WALL TYPE 2 PIECES 12 - 17R. EL XZ XI SMALL PAPER CONE PEDESTAL TYPE FOR APEX GUT OUT HERE SCORED WITH BLUNT POINT AND BENT BACK AHOLE CUT AFTER GONE IS GLIED IN SHAPE G GLUED HERE + GRAIN OF PAPER SHEET **CUT ON FULL LINES** 38 X38 NOTE: FOR 36 CONE A -19, B - 18%, C - 64 33" " A-1748-16% C=54 30" A-1548-14% C=54 24 A=124B=12% C=44 cut-out section is % in. for all cone sizes given; the center hole is 1/4 in., WOOD SCREWS CORD to conform to that in the AND WASHERS large disk. The small disk CONE is glued in place at the apex of the large cone, on the underside, and allowed to dry. Hold the 36X14X UNIT small cone in place with 2X3X5 SPACER the fingers until it sticks, care being taken not to damage FASTEN FRAME WITH the large cone. The two small brass nose disks that come WOOD SCREWS with the unit need not be glued to the paper; they are

held lightly in place on the rod by two No. 4-36 nuts.



Any inquiries regarding the various types described, and the addresses of the man-

the types shown.

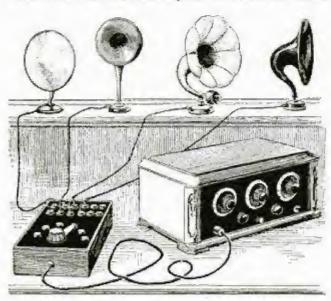
mounted at the center of the cone, as in the type just described, and the support

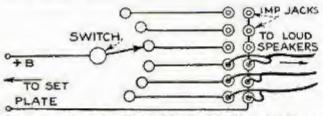
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ufacturers supplying the parts will be given without charge upon application to Popular Mechanics Radio department, 200 E. Ontario st., Chicago.

Demonstrating Loud Speakers

Dealers who have to demonstrate several types of loud speakers will find the illustrated device handy, as it enables them





Convenient Switch Box Which Facilitates Making Comparison between Speakers

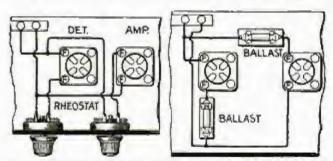
to switch on any one of a number of loud speakers by turning a switch lever, eliminating the necessity of connecting each one to the radio set separately. The device consists of a shallow box, fitted with a bakelite cover, on which several switch points, a lever to make contact with them, and a number of cord-tip jacks are arranged in two rows. It is wired so that one row is connected with the plate output of a receiver, each jack of the other row being connected to a switch contact and the switch lever to the B-positive supply.

Combining Horn and Cone Speakers

It is a well-known fact that the cone speaker reproduces the low notes sometimes lost in speakers of the horn type, while the horn is especially good on the higher notes. This suggests a combination of the two, connecting them in series. If the terminals are marked for polarity, the positive is usually indicated by a red tracer cord. The positive terminal of one horn is connected to the negative of the other in a double binding post, the remaining terminals being connected in the plug.

Improving the Filament Control

Faulty filament adjustment results in poor reception. This is often due to the fact that the operator must guess at the proper rheostat setting to obtain the filament temperature suitable for the tube. The filament is usually operated with too high a temperature, tending to shorten the life of the tube as well as adding another critical adjustment to the set. Ballast resistors, and other types of automatic control for the filaments, are now coming into general use. The automatic devices supply the proper filament temperature for the various types of tubes and insure uniform operation. These devices are based on the principle that a metal conductor will increase in resistance if heated, so that, as the current increases and produces more heat, the heat, in turn, increases the resistance, bringing the current back to normal. As the battery becomes discharged, the current through the ballast device drops, and fails to heat as much, thereby allowing the proper current to flow to the filament at all times. Automatic filament control also tends to simplify viring, as shown in the diagrams. At left, two tubes are shown with the complicated wiring necessary when the detector tube requires pos-



Left, Detector and Amplifier Tubes Controlled with Rheostats; Right, Automatic Filament Control

itive grid-to-filament return and the amplifier negative. The diagram at the right, with the same tube arrangement, shows the simplified wiring of the automatically controlled set.



ABC power unit described in the June issue, this set may also be operated with A and B-batteries if desired. Combining simplicity with exceptionally good selectivity, the set will bring in distant stations with volume sufficient to operate even the largest loud speakers. The compact construction makes it suitable for small consoles, and ideal for building into phonograph compartments. The circuit employs one stage of r.f., a regenerative detector and two stages of transformer-coupled a.f. amplification.

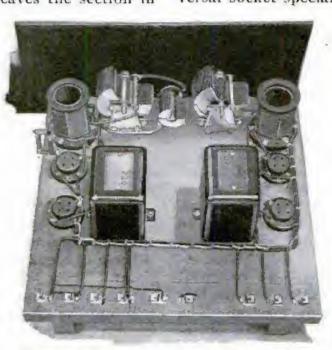
The layout and wiring diagram on page 126 may be varied to suit the needs of the builder; the baseboard is 1 by 12 by 13½ in., this size being selected to fit the special cabinet shown, and allow room for the ABC-unit in the same cabinet.

The front panel is %6 by 7 by 24 in., with the three controls grouped in front of the receiver unit. This leaves the section in

front of the ABCunit blank, unless the builder wishes to mount the voltmeter, suggested for checking the filament voltage across the tubes, in the receiver. In this case the voltmeter, which is an ordinary d.c.-battery type, is mounted in the center of the blank section. Two strips of wood, 1 by 11/2 in. by 12 in. long, are used to raise the baseboard so that the two 1-mfd, fixed

condensers and a portion of the wiring can be placed underneath. These condensers, and the wiring referred to, are indicated by the dotted lines on the detailed diagram. The exact location of the three variable condensers on the front panel is not important, but they should be arranged as shown with the 135-mmf. condenser at lower center. An ordinary rheostat knob may be used on this small condenser as it acts as a regeneration control and does not affect the logging of the set in the least, the stations being tuned in by means of the two dials. The coils used are of the plug-in type, and fit into a universal socket specially designed for them.

The aerial coil, type 116-A, is shown at right, the connections being numbered on the base to correspond with the numbers given in the diagram. It will be noted that contact posts 1 and 2 are not in use; the r.f. tube is placed directly behind this coil. The coil, type 115-A, shown at the left must be rewound for best results in this particular set, but this is a simple matter, as



Completed Receiver Unit, Showing Cabled Leads

socket directly behind this coil has the

shown in Fig. 3. The grid coil, consisting of 90 turns, in the regular type 115-A coil

grid condenser and leak mounted directly on the grid post; the other instruments are then mounted in the positions shown #115 A SPECIAL 222 SHORT At. and the set is ready to wire. If the a.f. QET. 220 AF. 220 #115A transformers shown are used, place sol-10NG 3 16 GMD, 00035 dering lugs under each terminal and bend them up carefully so that they do HMFD. not touch the metal shell of the transformer. The schematic diagram, Fig. 1, 6+45 6+130 135 MME. -DET. FIG. is identical with the wiring shown in F\$ PAF the detailed drawing, the tube fila-I-MFD, HE 1-MEFTS: - HGA COIL 8+45 FIG. 2 POSTS | AND 2 OPEN VOLTMETER ON FRONT PANEL V0U3 (OPTIONAL) 115-A COIL RF TUBE SPECIAL 2 MEG. 00025 MED. DET. TUBS Fig.3 REGULAR S.M TISA GOIL GRID COIL, 90 TURNS #25 PLAIN ENAMELED WIRE, NO CHANGE MADE METHOD .5 PRIMARY COIL, 35 TURNS *25 PLAIN ENAMELED *4 WIRE (SPAGE WOUND) OF CABLING LEADS CUT 28 TURNS OFF TOP OF INSIDE PRIMARY COIL, LEAVING 7 TURNS TICKLER COIL BETURNS * E . 2 #28 SILK COVERED WIRE USE 40 TURNS#32 SILK COVERED WIRE ON TICKLER COIL ments being CHANGES REQUIRED TO OBTAIN wired in series

is not disturbed, but the primary and tickler coils should be rewound as directed. If the builder does not care to change the regular coil to the special type. any dealer in radio supplies can make the change, or the special coil can be obtained direct from the manufacturer. When rewinding the coils, be sure that they are all wound in the same direction and the terminals connected just as marked. The numbered terminals must make corresponding connections in the socket when the coil is plugged in. The detector-tube

for the ABC socket power unit. The filament wiring showing the proper sequence of the tubes is given in Fig. 2 merely for checking purposes. Those who wish to wire the set for use with standard A and B-batteries will find the diagram given on page 128, In this case a 3 or 6-ohm rheostat and a filament-battery switch are required and are mounted on the front panel, one at

BEST RESULTS

either side of the .00035-mfd. variable condensers, so as to make a neatly balanced appearance. When batteries are used, the builder will not need the 26-in. front panel, but may employ either the 7 or 14-in, standard size, or any other size he may desire. Use flexible, insulated hookup wire for the circuit, making the leads long enough so that they may be cabled together with string in the manner shown. This is especially important if the set is to be wired for the ABC-unit. When wired for standard batteries, the tube filaments are connected in parallel in the usual way, and the two series-A 1-mfd. fixed condensers are not required; otherwise the circuit is the same. Note carefully that the rotors of the 135-mmf, and the .00035-mfd. condenser at left, are connected. The exact location of the rotor connections will of course differ in other types of condensers; in the .00035-mfd. used, a rotor connec-

tion could be taken either at front or back. As the 135-mmf, condenser has the rotor terminal at front, the connecting lead is run to the front of the large condenser at left. The other rotor connection of the .00035 condenser is taken from the rear and run to terminal 6 on the coil socket. If the receiver has been built for use with the ABC-unit referred to in the June issue, connect the set to the power unit in the manner specified, using a 25watt 115-volt Mazda lamp in the power unit to obtain 41/2 volts across each of the four 201-A tubes in the receiver. Be sure that all tubes in the set are in their sockets before turning on the power unit. Never leave the current turned on when the set



Power Unit and Receiver Combined; the Loud Speaker Is Built into the Lid of the Cabinet

is not in use; also turn off the current before removing any of the tubes in the receiver. The set is very easy to tune; rotate the dials in step until a station is located, then adjust the 135-mmf, condenser for the desired volume. The cabinet shown in the illustration on this page, which permits both set and ABC-unit to be installed together, is a regular commercial product; the loud speaker is built into the top of the cabinet. This is shown only as a suggestion, and readers who wish to use a similar cabinet can obtain the address of the maker on request.

A large blueprint has been prepared showing all wiring diagrams, and, in addition, detailed connections for those who

MATERIAL LIST

- 1 front panel, 3-16 by 7 by 26 in. (if built for type front panel, 3-16 by 7 by 26 in, (if built for typof cabinet shown), wood strips, 1 by 1½ by 12 in, baseboard, 1 by 12 by 13 in.

 S-M coil, type 116-A.

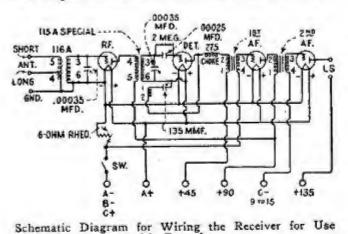
 S-M coil, type 115-A (or special of same type).

 S-M universal coil sockets, type 515.

- S-M choke coil, type 275.
 variable condensers, .00035 mfd.
 Precise variable condenser, 135 mmf.
 Sangamo, series A, 1-mfd. fixed condensers.
- 4 X-type sockets.
- a.f. transformers (any good standard type), grid condenser, .00025 mid., with leak clips.
- gridleak, 2 meg. Fahnestock clips 9

- d.c. filament voltmeter. fi-ohm rheostat (if set is wired for batteries). filament switch (if set is wired for batteries). UX-201-A or CX-301-A tubes.
- Wood screws, soldering lugs and insulated hookup wire.

wish to use batteries. The blueprint may be obtained from Popular Mechanics Radio department, 200 E. Ontario st., Chi-



cago, for 25 cents, to cover postage and packing. Specify blueprint No. 120.

with Batteries

Automatic Cut-Out for B-Eliminator

Many B-eliminators are fitted with a switch which is set on the off position when the set is not in use. This, however, does not eliminate the necessity of turning off the switch on the receiver panel, so that, in fact, two switches have to be operated to cut out the eliminator. With the automatic device to be described, turning off the filament switch on the set does the trick. The device is very small and is mounted in the receiver cabinet.

The base is a bakelite strip, 4 in. long, 1 in, wide and 1/4 in, thick. The armature is made from a clock spring, or similar heavy strip of steel. It is advisable to hold the end that is to be placed above the coil over a flame for a few seconds before mounting it on the support bracket. The diagram shows the construction details so clearly that little remains to be said of the assem-The coil bobbly. bin was taken from a buzzer, the old wire removed and a few feet of No. 18 wire wound on it. The silver contacts were taken from an old spark coil, the contact on the armature being hammered into a small hole punched in the steel strip. The fixed condenser can be of any capacity around .001 mfd., and is used to prevent excessive arcking and sparking. The lower contact is mounted on a screw, as shown, for adjustment of the distance between contacts, and the bracket is mounted at a convenient point below the contact on the armature.

When the Loud Speaker Quits

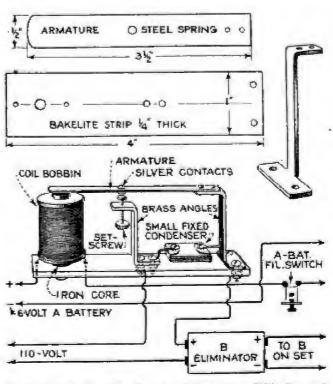
Before calling the radio repair man, or attempting to take the radio set apart because of its failure to work, make sure that the loud speaker is not at fault.

The loud speaker is a very sensitive instrument, and easily gets out of adjustment. This is likely to happen if it is moved about frequently, with the result that the volume suddenly drops and the owner will often blame the set instead of the horn.

It is not wise to invest in a fine radio receiver and then cripple it with an unsatisfactory loud speaker; distortionless amplification is wasted on such an instrument. Make sure that the positive cord of the loud speaker is connected to the

positive side of the loud-speaker jack connections. The cord tip marked with a red tracer must go to the positive side; if in doubt as to the horn-plug connections in your particular set, have your local radio dealer mark them for you.

Some radio-set owners boast that they never use phones and never owned a pair, but on the particular night when they wish to hear a fine program, something may go wrong with



Construction Details; Bracket Dimensions Will Depend on Size of Coil Bobbin Used

Radio Set Contained in Book

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An attractive radio receiver of the crystal variety, apparently a cloth-bound book,



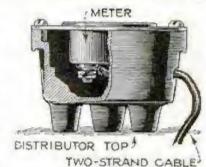
Small Crystal Set Contained in a Cloth-Bound Box Made to Resemble a Book

has been placed on the market recently. It is a nicely constructed device and has enough space to accommodate a pair of headphones, as well as aerial and ground leads. Stations within a radius of 20 or 30 miles can be tuned in satisfactorily.

Mounting a Portable Meter

Many small meters that are designed to be mounted on panels would, if used for portable work, be unhandy and easily injured. One way to overcome this trouble is to mount the meter in an auto distributor cap, which makes an excellent base. It may fit the cap exactly and can then be fastened by drilling and tapping the cap. A hole is also drilled through the side of the cap for a two-strand cable, which is connected with the meter as indicated, and has cord tips or small spring

clamps at the other end to make contact with the device to be tested. If the meter is too small to cover the open end of the cap,



short metal strips, with a hole at each end,

are fastened to both the meter flange and cap to carry the meter.

the loud speaker and a pair of phones would come in very handy. With phones it is easy to determine if the trouble is in the loud speaker or the set and, perhaps, save a repair bill. There are many kinds of loud speakers on the market, but most of them are of the double-diaphragm, the adjustable or the non-adjustable types; the adjustable speaker of the horn type, and the non-adjustable cone type are both popular. Cone speakers may get out of order and sound rattly due to weather conditions. This can be remedied if there is some way of tightening the paper cone by resetting the phone unit. On the non-adjustable horn-type speaker there is usually one or two gaskets between the diaphragm and shell of the phone unit. If the magnets are not strong enough, they fail to actuate the diaphragm properly, and weak tones are the result. To remedy this, remove one of the gaskets or screw the cap down tighter, so as to bring the diaphragm closer to the magnets. The adjusting knob of the other type often slips, and turning it seems to have no effect on the volume; in this case the setserew should be loosened and set to a different position until reception is improved. After repeated adjustments the diaphragm may become warped, and the only remedy for this is to remove it and level it on a perfectly flat surface.

Gridleak Is Operated by Panel Knob

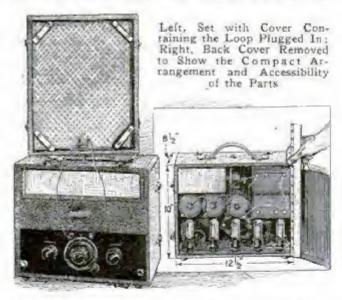
To gain access to a variable gridleak. the radio owner must usually open the cabinet or remove the receiver from the console, and this in-

convenience often causes him to neglect adjusting it carefully under various conditions. There is now a gridleak on the market which can be adjusted from the panel. It is attached directly to the grid terminal of the detector-tube socket, and a shaft extends through the panel, a knob being provided for the adjustment.

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Five-Tube Portable Receiver Weighs Only Twenty-Four Pounds

A small portable set that uses five tubes, operates on a loop and weighs only 24 lb.,



fully equipped, has recently appeared on the market. A sturdy cabinet contains all the equipment, and the loop is wound in the lid which is plugged in at the top when the set is in use. The circuit employs two stages of r.f., detector and two stages of a.f. amplification. Other interesting features are single dial control, spring-base sockets and built-in loud speaker. For use in the home, or en route on train, automobile or boat, this compact little receiver makes an ideal companion.

Tube for Resistance-Coupled Amplifiers

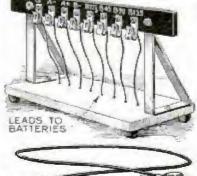
Because of the widespread interest in resistance coupling, a high MU tube, especially designed with a view to providing high amplification and suitable as a detector as well as an amplifier, is announced by one of the large manufacturers. is the UX-240 or CX-340; the new tube is of the storage-battery type, similar to the well known 201-A, and a standard Xtype base is provided. It is intended to provide the highest practicable voltage amplification so essential in resistancecoupled amplifiers. This method of amplification, in contrast with the transformer-coupled method, depends entirely upon the tube for the step-up effect. In transformer coupling, on the other hand, the step-up effect is brought about by the transformer ratio as well as the tube.

Therefore the new tube has been designed to provide an amplification factor of 30. The over-all amplification of one stage of resistance coupling, employing a UX-240 or CX-340, is substantially equivalent to the average stage of transformer coupling employing a UX-201-A. This is contrary to general belief, which holds that resistance-coupled circuits give such poor amplification that an additional stage or two are necessary to get satisfactory volume.

Rack Holds Battery Leads

For the radio experimenter or dealer who tests a number of radio sets, a rack for holding battery leads that permit quick connections, will be found to be of considerable usefulness. It consists of a bakelite strip with a number of snap terminals fastened with screws, a soldering

lug being provided under each screw. The leads to the A, B and C-batteries are soldered to the lugs, and the strip is mounted on the wall or on a specially made base, as





shown. Cords, equipped with a phone tip at one end and a spring clip at the other, facilitate making connections from the terminals on the strip to the receiving set.

Tips Lock Themselves in Plug



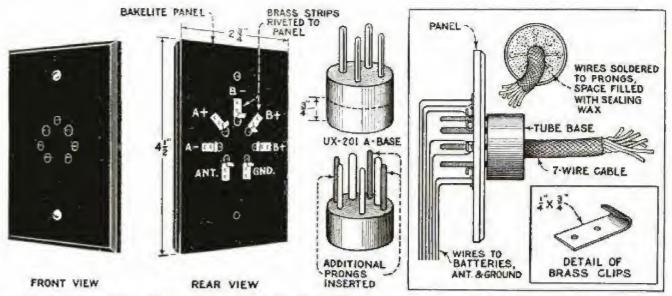
Simple to use, the plug shown in the drawing insures good electrical contact with any kind of cord tip. The cord is first pushed up through the hole, as indicated at the left, and, after it is doubled over, is then pulled back into the body of the plug, where it

It can be loosened again by merely pushing up the tip, which projects from the end.

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Base Plug for Wiring Radio Receiver

The plug described is very simple to make and is a neat and efficient means of discarded B-batteries if desired. The panel consists of a piece of bakelite, or hard rubber, 23/4 by 4½ in. in dimensions and about ¼ in. thick. One side is beveled



Left, Front and Rear Views of Completed Panel: Right, Construction Details and Sectional View of Plug Inserted in Panel

connecting batteries, aerial and ground to the set. All wiring and batteries are kept out of sight; the batteries may be placed in a closet or in the cellar, and the small outlet panel fastened to the baseboard of the room. When it is necessary to move the set, all that is required is to pull the plug out of the baseboard. The panel described fits the regular electrical outlet box in case one is used, or may be any size Two old UX-tubes are required, the bulbs removed and the bases employed for the plug. One of these bases may be cut down to about 34 in., as shown in the drawing, making a smaller and neater job. The other base is broken up for the prongs and three of these are inserted in the first base as shown. They should not be placed too close together. To insert them, drill holes in the bakelite

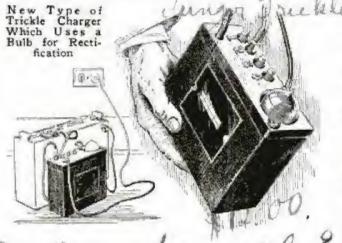
base, for a driving fit, and tap the prongs in place with a tack hammer. A seven-wire battery cable is provided and the short leads soldered to the prongs inside the base. The base is then filled with sealing wax, which can be taken from

for the sake of appearance. The holes are drilled in the panel, care being taken to locate them properly, by setting the base on the panel and pressing it down so that the prong ends will leave marks on it. Due to the arrangement of the holes for the prongs, it is impossible to insert the plug in any other manner than required, and hence there is no possibility of damaging either the tubes or the receiver.—Herman R. Wallin, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Trickle Charger Uses Rectifier Bulb /// 65

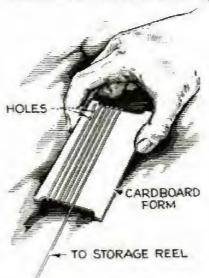
Trickle chargers for keeping the A-battery fully charged at all times are now in general use. A new type employing a rectifier bulb has recently made its appearance on the market. This small unit requires very little space and is tapped for

charging rates to meet the requirements of the set with which it is to be used. The illustration at left shows the size of the unit, as compared with the battery, and the simple connections that are necessary for its installation.



Measuring Flexible Cable

A radio dealer found it rather inconvenient to measure off long pieces of flex-

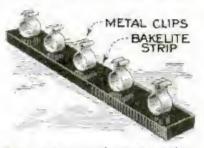


ible cable with a footrule, so he devised the simple winder shown in the drawing for doing it. A piece of heavy cardboard is cut 6 in, long and about 3 or 4 in. wide so that one turn around it will measure exactly one foot.

By counting the number of turns while the cable is wound on the card, any length can be quickly measured. If desired, a number of these cards can be made up and the cable sold to the customer can be left on, which will insure it against being twisted and kinked.—C. A. Oldroyd, Barrow-in-Furness, England.

Preventing Short-Circuited Battery Leads

When one disconnects the terminals of the radio-battery cable, either at the battery or at the set, there



is some risk of the ends coming together and possibly causing a short, that may burn out tubes or run down the batteries. As a precaution against this, five spring clips, mounted on a strip of bakelite as shown in the drawing, will be found helpful for holding the cable wires apart.—Lester P. Young, Culver, Ind.

Improving Tuned R. F. Receivers

The present day r.f. receiver leaves little to be desired in the way of simplicity, selectivity and sensitivity, provided it is properly built and balanced. In congested districts, and particularly in the vicinity of powerful broadcasting stations, it

should be well shielded. However, to realize the utmost sensitivity and volume from this type of receiver, it is necessary to have some means of adjusting the plate voltage of both r.f. tubes and detector at any given wavelength or frequency and for a given strength of signal. Many of the manufacturers are now employing variable plate voltage for at least the r.f. tubes, gaining noticeably in efficiency and at the same time controlling the volume without distortion. Instead of employing 671/2 or 90 volts, as is the common practice, it will be found advisable at times to increase the voltage to well over 100, particularly when tuning in weak distant stations. On the other hand, it is well to reduce the r.f. plate voltage to 45 on powerful locals. Plate voltage on the detector tube also plays an important part. A most satisfactory arrangement, irrespective of the type of r.f. receiver, is to tap the full B-battery output for all plate circuits, r.f., detector and first a.f., with an efficient variable resistor in each of the positive-B leads. The power tube will, of course, require the full voltage obtainable at times. There are several highly efficient variableresistance units now on the market for this purpose, and anyone can bring his present set up to date with little effort and at small cost.

Electric Phonograph Reproducer

The electric phonograph reproducer shown in the drawing gives a rich, smooth tone with considerable volume. It operates in three ways: through a stage of a.f. amplification and then through a loud speaker; through an ordinary loud speaker.



or through power loud speaker and loud speaker, a dry cell is connected to the unit, for which

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leads are provided. When used with the speaker alone, six volts are required. The volume can be regulated by merely turning a thumbuut.



Radio Table from Sewing-Machine Stand

Requiring a radio table and not caring to invest in an expensive type, I decided



Radio Table Made from Sewing-Machine Stand, Showing Radio Set in Position

to make one from a discarded sewing machine. Only the iron framework was used. The four screws holding the upper portion of the machine were removed, but were saved for mounting the table top on the frame. The frame was taken apart, the crank wheel, guard and crosspieces being discarded. In the make of machine used, it was found that the cross rod directly under the pedal could be moved up about midway on the framework. In other models that may not be possible, but the lower rod will support the frame in either event. The iron frame was carefully sandpapered and given a coat of enamel. A 12-in, board, of the same length as the cross rod, approximately 20 in., was then fitted between the sidepieces of the frame near the top, and screwed in place. Holes in the frame, at the location of the machine drawers, made the mounting of this shelf an easy matter. As the shelf came about 3 in, below the table top, it provided a convenient place for log sheets and extra tubes. A 3-in, board was screwed along one edge of this shelf at the rear to prevent articles being pushed through. For the top, a clear pine board, 1 by 16 by 36 in., was used. It was beveled and carefully sanded before applying stain or varnish. Beveled and sanded at a local mill, such a board would cost about 85 cents. A little less than half of a 15-cent can of mahogany stain was used; a final coat of shellac or varnish can be applied later and rubbed down to a high finish.—Ivy Barrow, El Paso, Tex.

Radio-Tube Serves to Light Room

12R radio tube that can be used to illuminate a room as well as to act as a radio detector or amplifier was brought from Spain recently by Dr. Lee DeForest. claimed that the new tube eliminates batteries, and requires no aerial or ground, as the house-lighting wires perform the necessary pick-up function. Its use will cost practically nothing, as a lamp would be needed for illuminating purposes anyway. The suggested adaptations for the tube would be in the form of a desk or table lamp. The radio filament is in series with the lighting filament, and the regular plate and grid used in the radio vacuum tube are employed without affecting the lighting ability of the lamp. It is claimed that four of the new tubes will do the work of five of the present tubes.

Transformer Has Variable Ratio

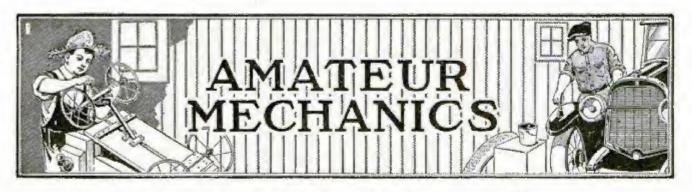
By means of the taps on the a.f. transformer shown in the drawing, three ratios, 4 to 1, 6 to 1 and and 8 to 1, can be obtained. This is of great value to the experimenter, as the transformer can be used



in any set, and, if the ratio is too high for the tubes, which causes distortion, it can be reduced as desired. In a set having power

tubes, for example, which have a higher mutual conductance than ordinary tubes, the high-ratio transformer can be used, with the result that more volume and less distortion will be obtained.

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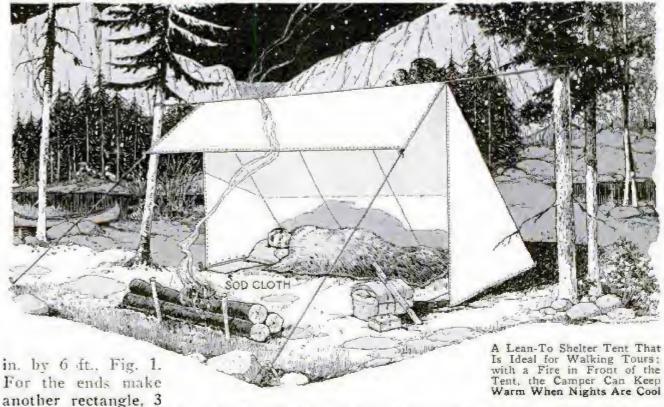
How to Make a Shelter Tent

By CLAUDE P. FORDYCE

THE lean-to or "reflecting-baker" tent is one of the simplest types of all and easy to construct at home. It is especially good for cool-region camping when you want a warm shelter. This works like the reflecting baker of our forefathers. A fire, built a few feet in front of the tent on a cold night, with a back-log reflector throws the heat waves to the slanting roof of the tent and down upon the sleeper. The ends keep out drafts and it is easily pitched with the ridge rope between two trees or over forked saplings.

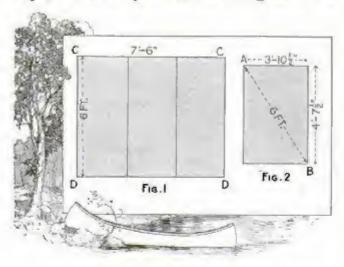
In making the tent, follow the diagram. The "roof" is a rectangle of cloth, 7 ft. 6 sheet. A rope is sewn to the ridge or tie tapes are sewn every 15 in., to be tied to a rope or pole ridge. Around the bottom, sew on a 6-in. sod cloth, to keep out the wind, rain and bugs, and lay the bed to overlap this. For mosquito protection, cover the front with loose cheesecloth sewn to the ridge. Two men traveling together can each take a lean-to and pitch them together and make a wedge or Atent. If pitched so that the prevailing wind strikes the roof of the tent, you will rest easily and, if cold, a fire in front insures warmth.

This tent is the preferable one for hike



ft. 10½ in. by 4 ft. 7½ in., Fig 2; cut this diagonally from corner to corner and sew these pieces to either end of the large

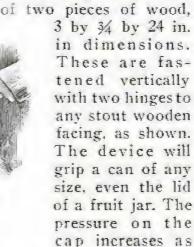
trips where weight must be reduced to the absolute minimum consistent with comfort. Hence the material must be the lightest waterproof fabric obtainable, and for this there is none surpassing balloon silk or sail cloth, procurable from tent and awning companies. The completed lean-to weighs 3½ lb. Use lightweight tarpon line for the stake loops and ridge rope, and waterproof these along with the



tent so they will not shrink in a rainy spell. Some campers add an awning extension to the ridge, to be pitched horizontally in fair weather, slanting in rainy weather, or it can be made wide enough to be brought down to close the front entirely. One outdoorman made this awning removable from the tent (attached by snap buttons or tape ties) and in its center he had cut a slit and a neck piece so it can be used as a poncho on the trail.

Loosening Screw Caps

Screw caps on cans and jars can readily be loosened by the device shown in the drawing. It consists



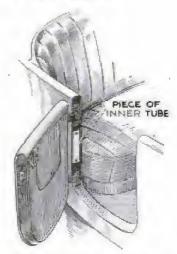
the device approaches the closed position.—L. Pyle, Laporte, Pa.

Ground Wire for Ignition Breaker

Most automobiles have a distributor head on the battery ignition which is moved by the spark lever to control the spark timing. On some cars the bearing in which this part moves becomes worn, and this allows the casing to wobble and fail to ground the primary circuit of the ignition at times. This will cause missing and hard starting. The cars having full automatic spark advance have the distributor head and casing firmly clamped in place and do not wear at this point. The ignition can be kept working, unless the wear is great enough to cause missing by failing to open the points, by attaching a ground wire to the breaker case. end of this wire is attached to the movable case of the breaker, and the other end is grounded on the motor. With this ground wire in place, the primary current is grounded even if there is a loose and dirty bearing on the breaker case.

Stopping Auto-Door Rattle

It is often suggested that pieces of rubber be used to check the rattle of car doors. After watching one motorist endeavor to utilize this idea unsuccessfully the writer tacked a piece of inner tube on the hinge side of the door jamb, as shown in the



drawing, and eliminated the rattle entirely. If necessary, two or three pieces can be used, depending on the space to be filled.—G. A. Luers, Washington, D. C.

Mangling with Clothes Wringer

When an ironing machine is not available, flat linen, towels, pillow slips, wash cloths, small sheets and other flat pieces can be mangled in an ordinary clothes wringer. Before they are entirely dry, the articles are run through the wringer with the screws set tight. Then the pieces are hung on a clothesline.



Water Sprinkler on Roof Keeps House Cool

Tourists coming into Tonopah, Nevada, across the desert on the Midland highway find a water sprinkler on the roof of a pose is to keep the interior cool and this is accomplished by the rapid evaporation of the water, which also drips down the sides and provides plenty of moisture for the rose bushes and trees. The cooling effect is so pronounced that other residents are also using this method.—Letson Balliet, Tonopah, Nevada.

Open-Air Scratching Shed

A farm poultry flock, which had shown traces of disease during the winter, was given free access to a special open-air scratching shed with the result that the disease disappeared. The frame for the shed is made of scrap lumber and was built onto the south side of the poultry house.

Rafters extend from the top to a low wall, about 1 ft. above the ground, and the roof and sides are covered with inexpensive muslin, lath being used to hold it in place. Access to the shed is obtained through a small door from the poultry house. At night, this

door is closed. The muslin admits warmth and sunlight, yet the air is continually fresh. The shed is kept littered with straw which is frequently changed.

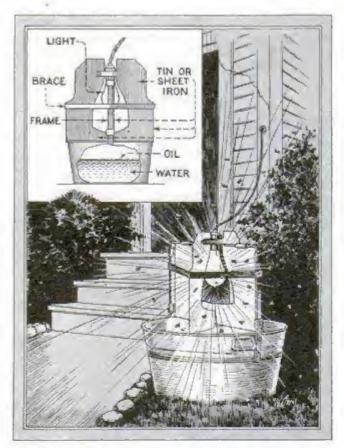
Tissue Paper Protects Hat

On a long motor trip from Alabama to Florida, over dusty roads, one passenger

protected her hat with green crepe tissue paper, the kind used by florists. From a few feet's distance it looked like felt and, as the appearance was so neat, it was left on in restaurants and other stopping places.—Mrs. V. S. Martin, Detroit, Michigan.



Canvas-Covered Shed Gives Chickens a Place for Scratching with Plenty of Fresh Air



Effective Bug Catcher, Consisting of a Tub, Sheet-Metal Shields and an Electric Lamp

Effective Bug Catcher

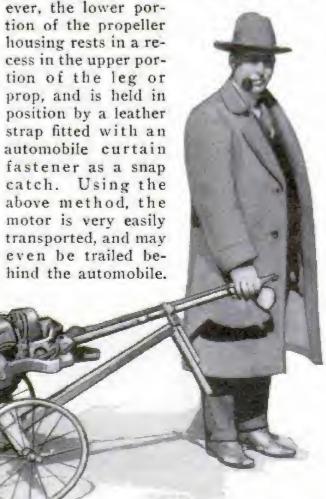
The operators of a western power plant, located on a river, were annoyed by the great number of insects attracted by the lights in the plant. To overcome this, the device shown in the illustration was made and proved entirely satisfactory, as much as ½ bu. of June bugs being collected in a single evening. The trap consists of an old tub with three pieces of sheet iron mounted vertically on top, in the form of a cross, and supported by strap-iron brackets. The shields are cut out sufficiently to permit the fitting of a

lamp, as indicated. The tub is about half filled with water, which is covered with a film of old crankcase oil. The lamp is connected with an extension cord to a near-by light socket and the device is placed outdoors. The insects fly toward the light and collide with the shields, which causes them to drop into the liquid below. If only water was used, the bugs

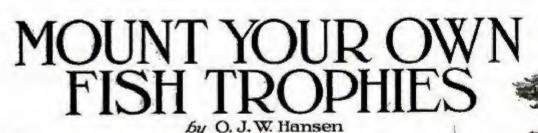
would climb out again, but the oil prevents this and they soon drown.—Dale R. Van Horn. Lincoln, Nebr.

"Portaging" the Outboard Motor

To transport the outboard motor between the shore or boat landing and the residence was found difficult when the motor had to be carried back and forth each day. A small truck was therefore constructed. so that the motor could be hauled easily. As shown in the photo, the truck consists of a substantial frame carried by two babycarriage wheels. The distance between the wheels should be fairly wide so that the truck will have no tendency to turn over, and the motor should rest high enough above the axle to prevent dust picked up by the wheels from being thrown up on it. Various types of motors will require different kinds of support, owing to the differences in the clamping arrangement with which the motor is attached to the stern of the boat. In all types, how-



Light Rubber-Tired Cart Facilitates Hauling Outboard Motor Back and Forth, or May Be Attached to Auto as Trailer





WHEN Sam Jones invited me over to his house to see the fish he brought back from the north woods, I came

fully prepared to listen to another long one. But when he led me into his den and showed me several really lifelike and finely mounted specimens, I began to feel a bit uneasy and mystified. Was Sam trying to put one over? "Did you buy out a museum?" I asked.

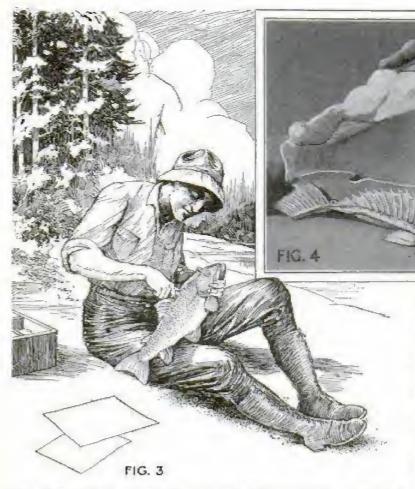
Sam smiled. "No," he said, "but I visited one last year. In the laboratories of the Field museum of natural history I learned how their fish exhibits were prepared. This craft was so fascinating and the results so remarkable that I determined to make my summer's vacation not only a fishing trip, but a source of material for work in my home shop, and for real-decorations, not simply 'stuffed fish' for my den." Here is the story of how you can do it, too.

Besides the regular camping and fishing outfit, provide yourself with a fairly large wooden box into which you can pack your scientific field kit. This box should be covered with either oilcloth or a painted canvas to make it absolutely waterproof. A box like that can easily be made to fit

FIG. I

either on the running board or on the luggage carrier of your automobile, or, in a smaller size, with a strap, for carrying when on foot. This box should be divided into three compartments. The largest and longest one is to receive the molds of your fish. It should have some ventilating holes in the bottom so as to prevent too much moisture from the wet molds. The entire inside of the box should be given a couple of coats of light-gray paint.

The second largest compartment should accommodate a good-sized square tin box with a tight-fitting lid. Fill this box with fine plaster of paris. The amount of plaster needed will, of course, depend upon the size and number of fishes you may want to prepare. Thirty pounds for an automobile kit or 12 lb. for a carrying kit would be about right. This must be kept perfectly dry. Into the smallest compartment put a package of powdered alum, a paper of ordinary pins, a small can or bottle of benzine, a sharp knife and a good-sized notebook with a set of colored crayons or pencils. Into each corner of the inside of



the lid fasten an ordinary window-screen turn. These turns will allow you to carry a couple of sheets of stiff, heavy cardboard and a few sheets of coarse brown charcoal drawing paper. The small washbasin of your camping outfit can be made to do double duty as a mixing bowl for the plaster. This completes the field kit and you are ready to start.

When you arrive at your fishing place,

you should make up your mind as to the fish you wish to catch and, if possible, study your specimens in their natural habitat. With a little patience, you will have no difficulty in observing at close range many kinds of fishes, especially those that inhabit small streams and

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shallow waters. Write down in your notebook all the information you can get regarding the natural movements of the fish, particularly the different angles and positions of the fins when it is in motion and also when it remains still. Close observation will convince you that fishes display a wide variety of habits and characteristics. This study is

vital to you in determining the most attractive pose for your specimen after you have caught it. A bluegill, for instance, likes to secrete itself behind rocks or weeds, and then dart with great speed for passing minnows, while a salmon or a rainbow trout might be shown in the lively jumping position, as when clearing the water for a fly. These notes will enable you to avoid the stiff feeling which is

the main fault of so many fish trophies.

Next comes the fun of catching your fish. Try to land it without injuring or tearing the fins. Do not allow it to flop around in the boat or on the beach, but kill it without doing injury to the skin or the The scales. best method of



through the gill on the side that will not show on the finished mount, and to puncture the wind bladder from that Since side also. most of the blood of the fish is in the gills, it will bleed to death in a few seconds. Begin at once your work of preparing the fish for molding. Take your sharp knife and

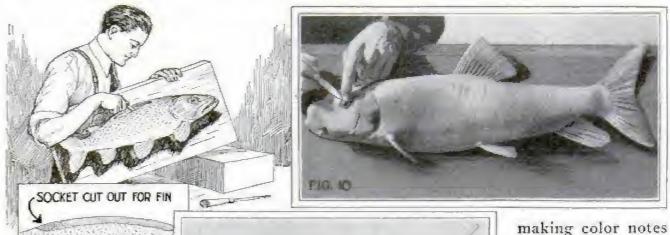
carefully remove all the fins and the tail. This is done by making V-shaped incisions (Fig. 3) into the fish so as to preserve the roots of the fin bones. Care should be taken to make this incision as narrow as possible, and especially not to tear the surrounding skin or knock off any scales. The incision should also be made in such a manner that the side which will be toward you when the fish is mounted will be nearly whole. The open end of the Vcut should slant toward the rear and the root of the tail should also be cut out from The fins are then carefully the back. washed with benzine so as to remove the gluev slime. They are then stretched out on one of the cardboards and pinned down so as to dry in their proper shape. This should be done in accordance with your notes, so as to let the fins assume the

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posture you wish to imitate when the exhibit is assembled.

The next step is to cast the body of the fish. Again consult your notebook and select the proper position. As you only need to cast two-thirds of the surface of the fish you can reproduce the position wanted by building

up under one side of the fish with sand, as in Fig. 1. By the use of a sand support you can give the body of the fish any desired curves. Before you definitely place your fish in the sand for casting, the entrails should be removed and replaced with a packing of fine sand. The stomach cavity and air bladder are partly filled with air, and otherwise would become deflated and out of shape by the pressure of the mold. The incision for the removal of the entrails should be made on the side that will not show in the finished cast. Before the incision is made, the fullness of the belly should be carefully noted so as to be reproduced exactly by the sand packing. It is preferable that all this work should be done out of the direct rays of the sun and as soon as possible after the fish has been killed.



Now get the washbasin and prepare the plaster for casting. In 1 qt, of water dissolve two teaspoonfuls of powdered alum.

FIG. 9

FIG. 11

The alum hardens the protective gluey slime of the fish skin and prevents it from destroying and decomposing the fine impressions on the plaster-of-paris mold. To this alum water add slowly the powdered plaster until it has reached the consistency of cream, and stir until there are no lumps. As the fish is already placed in the proper position in the sand you can begin to apply the creamy plaster mixture. The best way is to spread a thin coat all over the fish and blow the creamy plaster into every crevice and scale impression. Then, as the plaster hardens, the mold is made thicker by carefully adding to the underlayer, as in Fig. 2. The main thing is to get a clean impression in the underlayer. You cannot attach too much importance to the blowing of the plaster into all the depressions, so as to preserve every minute detail. Fresh plaster should be added until the mold has reached a thickness of about 1/2 in.

After the plaster has hardened (for about twenty minutes) remove the fish from the mold. If you had your sand piled in the proper manner before the mold was made, the removal of the fish will be easy. Fig. 4 shows the mold, together with the fins previously removed. Clean the fish of any sticking sand or plaster by careful washing, and begin to make your color notes of the skin. The simplest way of

making color notes is to follow a system similar to that used by landscape painters in noting the quickly changing colors of a sunset. Take your brown charcoal paper and make a contact pattern from

the mold of the exact size of your fish skin. This is done by simply laying the paper into the mold and cutting it at the top and bottom where the fish would divide, if cut in half lengthwise. Upon this paper mark down the exact location of the various dark and light areas of the skin, Carefully locate all the lines, peculiar color markings and spots. With your colored crayons give, as near as you can, a suggestion of the color values in their proper places. Support this color drawing with exact notes on the intermediate colors, Fig. 5 is an exact copy of a field note on a specimen. Note the position and color of the eyes. As the color changes rapidly in some fishes after death, and the eyeballs recede into the sockets, these notes should follow the live fish as closely as possible. A careful set of the eves with a proper coloring is a very important detail in making your reproduction lifelike. When you have completed your color notes, you may remove a small cross section of the skin and take it home with you as a guide for future reference. Now carefully pack the mold of your fish, in some sand, in the large compartment of the field kit. this manner you may collect molds of a number of different, specimens before starting for home. The remainder of your work can be done at your leisure in your own shop.

The first step involved is, of course, to take a cast from your plaster mold. Place the mold in water for at least fifteen minutes so it will absorb a great deal of moisture. Then brush the inside of the mold with a saturated solution of zinc chloride. This should be repeated several times until the mold has become thoroughly saturated. Then take a soft piece of cloth and carefully wipe out the surplus moisture. The mold is now ready to be filled.

A very strong and practical cast can be made by the use of a synthetic stone called "clover rock." This is mixed in much the same way as the plaster of paris, except that the alum is omitted and the mixture is made heavier, like a thin paste. This paste is stirred until it is smooth and free from lumps and air bubbles, when it is gently tapped with the ends of the fingers into the inside of the mold (Fig. 6). As this mixture sets very slowly, you can take all the time you wish to get a clean impression. Again, the secret is to fill the entire mold with a thin layer, and then, as the material hardens, to build up to the desired thickness. Into the back of your cast you may now imbed the heads of two or three small stove bolts (Fig. 7). These bolts should be just long enough so that the nuts can be countersunk into the back of the finished mounting plaque. After the mold is filled, the cast is allowed to dry

for 24 hours. The drying should not be forced by heating or placing the cast into the sunshine. It is better to let it set naturally in a cool and moist place.

After the cast has set, the mold is taken off by carefully breaking it away with a hammer and the blunt end of a screwdriver, or small chisel. In order to prevent

breakage, the whole cast should be supported on a cushion. The solution of zinc chloride with which the mold was soaked will allow the cast to be separated from the mold without much trouble. The cast can now be mounted on a temporary working plaque, to give greater ease in the handling during the work of mounting the fins and the subsequent coloring. The fins are removed from the cardboard and a fine wire is threaded in small spirals through the roots of the fins, as in Fig. 8. A socket is hollowed out of the cast to receive them, Fig. 9, and the fins are then secured in their proper places by the use of some fresh plaster of paris; or, if you care to wait another 24 hours, you may employ a thin mixture of the clover rock you used for the cast.

After the fins are mounted correctly in accordance with the notes and drawings in your book, they are given a coating consisting of 75 per cent hot gelatin and 25 per cent glycerin. This gives them a natural transparent color and reproduces very faithfully the glossy, slimy condition of a live-fish fin. If the membranes between the fish bones have been torn and look ragged, they can be repaired with a small piece of white silk chiffon. The glycerin mixture will render the silk transparent, and a little coloring to match the natural membrane will make this patch hard to detect. The glycerin also acts as a glue to hold the patch in place.

Glass eyes of any size can be bought from any taxidermy-supply house. They come in clear glass and are colored, ac-

> cording to your notes, from the in-Again, care should be taken in selecting these blank eyes as they vary greatly in shape and protuberance. The majority of fishes, however, have a rather flat retina. These eves are painted and mounted into their sockets in the cast, according to the field notes, as in Fig. 10. The fish is



now ready for the coloring.

As a foundation for the coloring, the cast is given a thin coating of white shellac, reduced 50 per cent by the addition of one-half denatured alcohol. When this

is dry, the coloring is applied according to the color chart and notes made in the field. The colors used for this are any of the permanent artists' tube colors in oil. They are mixed into a conveying medium called "megilp," two parts, aluminum thinner, one part, and a little spar varnish as a drier.

The best method to follow in applying the colors is to shade in the large color areas first and put in the markings and spots afterward. For example, the back of a fish is usually dark, the belly is light, and so on. Mix your colors for these general tones and put them on rather heavy, then with a piece of cheesecloth and a small camel's-hair stippling brush, as in Fig. 11, wipe and blend these colors until you have the desired shades of light and darkness. Again consult your field notes and mix the colors for the stripes and markings. Most of the markings are indicated by the scale divisions in your cast. All you have to do is to color them correctly. Some fishes have a color outline to every scale. In such cases you can use a very fine camel's-hair water-color brush, as in Fig. 12, and by following the scale impressions on your cast you can easily reproduce these markings.

Some of the highly lustrous silvery fishes require a special color treatment different from the above. After the sizing, they are given a thin coat of "crystalline guanin" mixed with "liquid celluloid." Crystalline guanin is a compound of tiny silvery fish scales, which are ordinarily used in the manufacture of artificial pearls. This treatment gives a shiny, transparent effect which causes each scale impression to reflect light like a small mirror. This reflected light in the brilliant fishes is in reality their main protection against their enemies. The scintillation of their moving bodies makes them look dangerous. The coloring of the darker fishes is of course a disguise which makes them one with their natural surroundings, this silvery color, a very thin wash is given to add the shadings. It is composed of the ordinary tube colors in oil and is made very thin by being reduced with liquid celluloid.

While the colors are thoroughly drying, you may make the permanent mounting plaque. This should be cut from a fine

piece of wood, stained, then given several coats of good rubbing varnish, and finished with rotten or pumicestone to a dull surface. Some might even want to make showcases, such as are found in museums, and paint in the natural submarine scenery. However, the fish mounted on the wooden plaque is a fine decoration for dining rooms, dens and lodge rooms. Not only that; it brings back to you the breath of the glorious outdoors and adds many pleasant hours to the all too short summer vacation.

Handy Wagon Brakes

When climbing long grades with a heavy wagon, the horses must be given an occasional rest, but in most cases they must even then hold the weight of the load against the tendency of the wagon to roll down. One farmer, realizing that his horses, due to this strain, were not getting the full benefit of the rest, provided a brake on the rear end of his wagon as shown in the drawing. It consists of a stout piece of wood, securely hinged to the rear end. A rope was attached to the end of the brake and was slipped over the back



Brake on Wagon Relieves Horses of Heavy Load While Resting on Long Grade

of the wagon to the driver, enabling him to raise or lower the brake at will.—Frank S. Reynolds. Ft. Morgan, Colo.

[Fancy handles from old umbrellas make fine handles for files and other tools.

Hot Water Cleans Old Paintbrushes

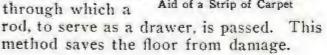
Having several expensive paintbrushes, which had been used and the cleaning neglected, it occurred to me that by heating the paint-covered brushes over a flame, the paint might be easier to remove. However, heating a bristle brush over a flame was out of the question as the brush would undoubtedly be ruined, so I thought of immersing it in boiling water and

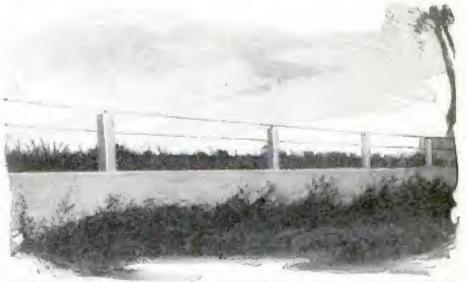
letting it remain there while the water was kept boiling over a gas flame. To my surprise the paint melted in one mass and it was then an easy matter to remove it and clean the bristles in turpentine, in the ordinary manner.—R. F. Kleinginna, Dubois, Pa.

Mat Is Handy for Moving Furniture without Damaging Floor

A strip of carpet may be used for moving heavy pieces of furniture about the home, as shown in the accompanying illustration. The article to be moved is placed upon two pieces of board which are laid across the mat. The load is pulled by means of a bar attached to the free end of the mat, as shown in the drawing. About 8 ft, is a convenient length and the strip should be cut 28 in, wide to allow easy passage through doorways. A piece of wood, 1 by

1 by 28 in., is rolled into one end of the mat and securely tacked. This prevents the load from slipping. The other end of the mat is folded back 6 in. or more and sewed. Several slashes are cut in the folded end through which a Moving Heavy Pieces of Furniture Quickly with the Aid of a Strip of Carpet





Lower Part of Fence around Pasture Field Built of Concrete to Keep Sheep and Hogs from Getting Through

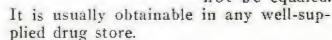
Pasture Fence Reinforced with Concrete to Keep Animals In

Originally the fence shown in the photo was composed of steel posts and barbed wire. When the farmer decided to pasture sheep and hogs in the inclosed field some alteration was necessary, and as plenty of sand and gravel was available, it was decided to run a solid wall around it instead of using woven wire. This made the fence practically indestructible and when the barbed wire broke, it could readily be renewed.—Dale R. Van Horn, Walton, Nebr.

Greasing Fly-Casting Line with Lanolin Prevents It from Sinking

In casting the dry and various types of floating bugs used for bass fishing, it will

be found that if the line is properly greased it will not sink and one will be able to pick up the fly from the water with ease in making a back cast. For this purpose so-called lanolin, which is a grease obtained from sheep wool, cannot be equaled.



Gear Reduction for Pump Jack

To reduce the engine speed for his pump a farmer got two discarded pulleys of dif-



Improved Device for Reducing Speed for Deep-Well Pump Jack

ferent size and mounted them on a length of 1-in. gas pipe, which served as a shaft. Two posts, firmly planted in the ground between the engine and the jack, were drilled to accommodate the shaft. The wheels were keyed to the pipe while two collars were also fastened to the outside ends to prevent end motion. The whole job took less than two hours. This arrangement operated the pump at the correct speed and eliminated excessive jerking of the mechanism.

How to Make a Rat Trap Effective

An Illinois grain dealer, who lost much produce through damage caused by rats, tried traps of all kinds with little success. A visiting farmer, learning of the difficulty, advised a novel method which proved effective. One of the twenty or more traps set was covered with a sheet of newspaper upon which was smeared lard, the paper resting directly over the bait pan. The other traps were temptingly baited as before, but the following morning it was noticed that the paper-covered trap was the only one that had made a catch.

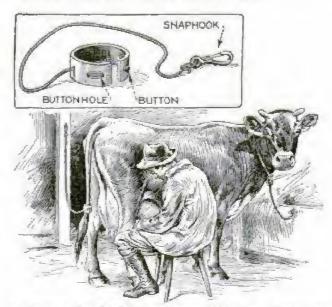
The other traps were set in the same way the following night, and a general slaughter of rats soon cleared the premises.—G. E. Hendrickson, Argyle, Wis.

Flashlight Kink

The next time your flashlight seems to need a new battery, try putting a penny between the batteries. This tightens them in the tube and makes a good connection. I bought batteries with astonishing frequency until I decided that they were not worn out when I threw them away, but that there was a loose connection, as, even with new batteries, the light would sometimes dim or die out just like a weak battery. Since then a penny is a part of my flashlight equipment, and the batteries last until they are really worn out.—V. S. Martin, Detroit, Mich.

Holding the Cow's Tail

Because he was invariably troubled by the switching of the cows' tails at milking time, a dairy farmer conceived the idea of making a "tether" that could be carried from stall to stall to hold the tails. The band to fit on the tail consists of a short length of old harness leather provided with a button and hole, so that the ends could be fastened together. A long stout cord was attached to the band and the opposite end of the cord was fitted with a snaphook so that it could be fastened to a screweye driven into the post at each stall.—L. B. Robbins, Harwich, Mass.



Holding a Cow's Tail to Prevent Her from Switching It While Being Milked

A Chinese Humidor You Can Make

By ROBERT E. CALDER

WHILE the fine ornamental box described in this article was originally designed as a humidor, it can be used for many other purposes. It makes a splendid

but for many purposes it need not be as heavy as this. It is 112% in. long, 7% in. wide and 4½ in. deep. The lid is 1% in. deep, making the depth of the bottom

part 3%6 in. In order to make a good, true joint between the lid and the bottom, it is best to make the box "solid," 49% in. deep, and then rip off the lid, first squaring a line all around the box where the lid is to be cut off. The extra Vic in, in height allows for the saw kerf. The lumber used is preferably hardwood, but, since the box is to be finished with lacquer, any available wood can be used, provided it is free from knots and shakes. The type of joints is shown quite clearly in the detail drawing. The hinges are two small 1-in. brass butts, although a piano hinge would be better, if it can be obtained. If the reader is unable for any reason to make the box, a local cabi-

Ordinary Sheet Lead Is the Material from Which the Decorations on This Beautiful "Chinese"
Box Are Made

jewel box, or a container for papers or photographs; in fact, it can be adapted to any purpose

for which an ornamental box or casket is desired. The size and shape given for the box itself need not be strictly followed, as this may depend on its contemplated use, but it would be wise to keep to the proportions of the original, so that the enlargement of the decorations can be made without any trouble.

The box itself is very simple. The original was made of \(\frac{5}{8} - \text{in.} \) dressed lumber,

netmaker will build one for a small sum.

The overlaid decorations, while very effective, are made in an extremely simple manner. The material is ordinary sheet lead about ½2 in. thick, obtainable at many hardware stores, and from almost all plumbers' shops. The gray of the lead against the bright red of the lacquer finish is a most attractive combination, and the lead is absurdly easy to cut in

comparison with the sheet brass or copper usually employed for such overlays. Cuting in brass or copper demands the use of a coping saw, while the lead can be cut with a knife, and the whole job takes much less time than with the other materials, besides looking much more effective for this particular purpose.

To make the patterns for the overlays, get a sheet of heavy wrapping paper or thin cardboard, and rule it off into 1-in. squares. Then, with scale and dividers, locate the points through which the various outlines of the design pass, by measurement from the edges of the squares. If the squares along the upper and side edges of both the pattern in the magazine and the enlarged one are numbered, it will be found to help greatly in locating

and measuring the points. Since the squares in the drawing herewith are 1/4 in, wide and high, it is only necessary to take off a measurement with the dividers, and step it off four times on the enlargement. It is well to lay out the edges of each section of the overlay first, and check it for size before going ahead with the laving out of the interior parts, so that one will not find the pattern offsize after it is made.

See also that allowance is made for the laps, as mentioned hereafter. It is only necessary to make one pattern for the sides and one for the ends, since they are exactly alike.

Another method of getting a full-size pattern is to make a photographic enlarge-This is much the easier method. ment. and if the reader cannot do it himself, the local photographer can, or perhaps the reader has a friend who will do it for him. The photographer will have to be instructed to keep close to the sizes given to him.

When the pattern has been redrawn or

enlarged, cut out the design with a sharp knife, then lay the pattern down on the lead sheet and mark the outlines of the design, using the point of a scriber, a sharp awl, or any other tool which will leave a sharp and distinct mark on the lead that can be followed easily.

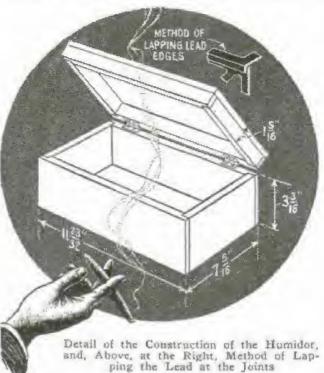
Before going ahead with the cutting of the lead, it would be well to lacquer the box, so that it may dry while the rest of the work is being done. Give the whole box, inside and out, a coat of shellac. When this is dry, give it one coat of Chinese-red brushing lacquer, preferably one that leaves a semi-gloss or a dull surface, rather than one that has a high gloss. While the inside of the original was coated with red as well as the outside, black lacquer may be used inside with good effect.

> It may be found necessary to give the box two coats of the lacquer, but this can be determined when the first coat has dried. After the lacquering has been completed, lay the box aside to dry thoroughly while the patterns are being cut.

> The cutting of the lead, in the original, was done entirely with a sharp jackknife, although the reader can use his own judgment about what tools to choose for the job.

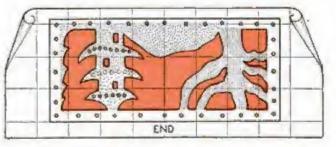
In cutting, it is not necessary to get the lines of the borders, etc., exactly straight; in fact, it is better if they are just a little uneven, although the curves of the dragon's tail, for example, should be regular and sweeping. The knife, in cutting, is not drawn along the edge of a ruler or straightedge, but the cuts are made freehand, and with somewhat of a chopping or digging motion, so as to leave the edges rather uneven, as mentioned before. chisel, if not too wide, and if used properly, will give the same effect.

After cutting, the overlays are fastened to the box by means of gimp tacks, which

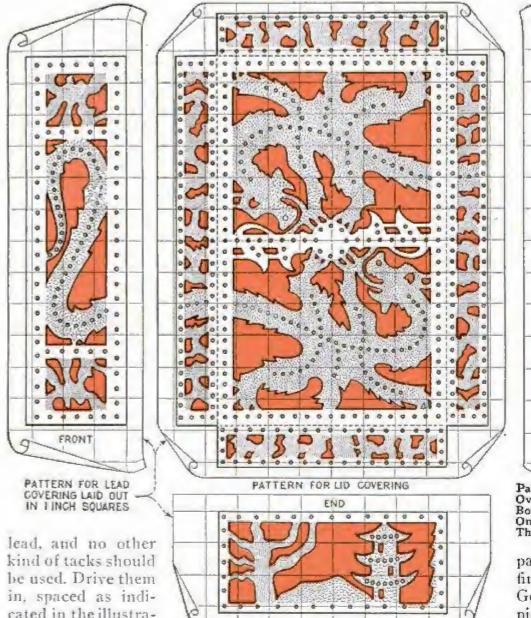


and, Above, at the Right, Method of Lap-ping the Lead at the Joints

can be obtained from any upholsterers' supply house. These tacks have irregular round heads, of almost the same color as the



tial. The laps are about 32 in. wide, and allowance must be made for them on the side overlays on box and lid, when cutting the



Patterns for the Lead Overlays of the Chinese Box; the Squares Are One-Fourth the Size of Those in the Finished Job

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cated in the illustrations, and do not be

too particular about getting them in a mathematically straight line. A little irregularity only adds to the appearance of the finished job.

The method of lapping the edges of the lead, where the sides and ends meet, is shown in the detail, and if the lap is well hammered down, the joint hardly shows. If the underside of the edge, on the side, and the upper side of the edge, on the end, are beveled with a file, a still better job of lapping will result, but this is not essenpatterns. Now for finishing touches. Get an ordinary nut pick and break or cut off the "pick"

end. Grind this end flat. The other end is round, and it is this end that is used as a punch to give a hammered effect to certain portions of the design.

Go over all the parts of the dragons with this punch, using a light hammer, and be careful not to punch too hard near the edges of the lead, or it will spread and make the outlines too irregular. Punch the dragons on the top of the lid, the sides of the lid and the sides of the box, as indicated by the scalelike marks on the pattern diagrams. Punch also the pagodas and the hills in the "scenery" on the ends. Then lay aside the punch, and, with a screwdriver having a point about 1/8 to % in. wide, press in the "texture" of the trees, as indicated by the short straight lines in the diagrams. Just press the

screwdriver point down on the lead and not too regularly.

Leave the borders of the individual sections of the overlays and the central part of the top design plain, as shown by the white portions of the diagrams. This completes the job.

Umbrellas Used When Swimming to Teach Life-Saving

To develop ease and ability to rescue drowning persons, one swimming school



The Umbrellas Are Not to Keep the Swimmers from Getting Wet, but to Teach Life-Saving Methods

teaches the students to swim on their back while holding an open umbrella high above the surface of the water. As preliminary instruction before this is reached, the student first learns to swim on his back, using a scissors kick, and then tests his ability to hold objects in one hand. He starts with a small piece of wood and ends with the umbrella.—R. G. Thackwell, Chicago, Ill.

Gnat-Proof Screens

In many places gnats, sand flies and other small insects get into the house through screened doors and windows. To prevent this, fasten a piece of cheesecloth directly over the screen and it will keep them out, as the fuzziness of the cloth is a barrier to them. This method has been used aboard a ship off the coast of the southern states and in the tropics, especially in Mexico, where the small sand flies are a great pest. When the light is

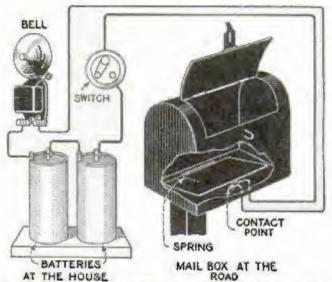
turned on at night, great numbers of these insects are caught in the fuzzy cotton and at times the entire cloth is black with them.—H. R. Wallin, Tampico, Mex.

Preserving Glue

Glue made up for woodwork and left in the pot for any length of time becomes rancid and develops a very objectionable odor. To prevent this, add to approximately every 8 oz. of glue a pinch of caustic soda. This is of particular advantage in the home shop, since the amateur often makes up too much glue at one time, and must either throw the remainder out or preserve it in some way.

Bell Announces Arrival of Mail in Farm Box

Farm mail boxes are at quite a distance from the house, and in many cases are hidden by trees. An electric-bell installation, as shown in the drawing and diagram, will announce automatically when mail is placed in the box. A false bottom is arranged in the box and provided with a spring to hold it up above an insulated contact point which is attached to the bot-



Electric Bell Rings in House When Mail Is Deposited in the Box

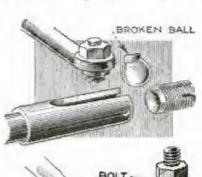
tom, as indicated. The moment mail is dropped into the box, the false bottom touches the contact point and closes the circuit, which rings the bell in the house. A switch in the house permits the circuit to be broken to prevent the bell from ringing longer than necessary.—Arthur F. Routh, New Haven, Conn.

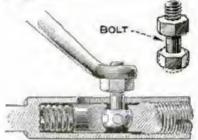
Kink in Gasoline-Lamp Generators

Many gasoline-lamp generators are thrown away before they are really worn out. With poor gasoline, the generator soon becomes plugged at the top of the asbestos wick. This can generally be opened up with a small drill about \%4 in. in diameter. The generator should be washed afterward to prevent small particles of carbon from clogging the tip. Boiling in vinegar will also help clean a generator.—Eden W. Robinson, Bear Flats, B. C., Can.

Emergency Repair for Broken Ball Socket

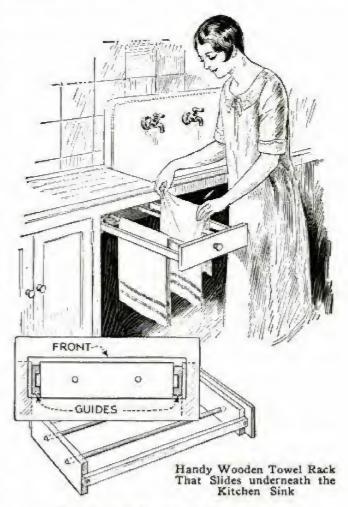
On several types of automobile-steering gears, a ball-and-socket joint connects the steering arms and the drag link. The





ball sometimes breaks off when the front wheels meet with an unusual shock, and if this happens in the country, repair presents a difficult problem. An emergency repair can be made, as indicated in the draw-

ing, if a file and a bolt of the proper size are handy; the thread should fit the thread in the steering arm. The bolt head is rounded to fit the socket in the drag link, so that it will serve the purpose of the ball. A nut holds the bolt to the steering arm. A repair of this kind is not intended to be permanent, but will last until a garage is reached.—G. A. Luers, Washington, D. C.



Towel Rack under Drainboard Is Out of the Way

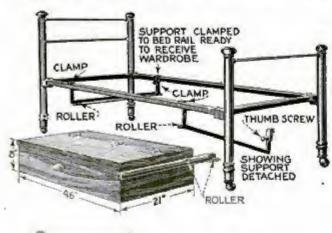
A kitchen towel rack made to slip under the drainboard of the sink when not in use is shown herewith. It consists of two endpieces of 34-in, wood, two lengths of dowel stock, to slip into holes drilled in the endpieces, and two strips of 38-in, wood forming slides which are fastened with screws. A knob at the foot serves to pull the rack out. The strips on the sides are planed smooth so that they will slide easily in guides provided for the purpose.—Neil Nelson, Kansas City, Mo.

Carrying Camera in Auto

A camera in the tool box, or other handy place in your automobile, will be found useful in case of accidents. A photo of the positions of the cars can be used to settle claims later. I have carried a cheap camera in this way for some time. Once, coming on the scene of an accident, I took a few snapshots and sold them to the parties involved for much more than the cost of the camera.—H. R. Harrington, Berkeley, Calif.

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In small bedrooms where space is limited, the attachment of a wardrobe chest





A Wardrobe Chest Sliding under the Bed Utilizes the Wasted Space in a Small Bedroom

to the underside of the bed, as shown in the illustration, will give extra storage space without using additional floor space. Two angle-iron braces are attached to the ends of the wardrobe chest, which is about 8 in. deep. 4 ft. long and 2 ft. wide. Simi-

lar lengths of angleiron are attached to the underside of the bed rails by means of clamps, which are made for the purpose. The angleiron braces are so arranged that there will be clearance of a few inches between the top of the chest and the bed, and rollers are provided on both braces at the points indicated, so that the chest can readily be pulled out or pushed in. The rollers may consist of ordinary small casters with the shank cut off and having a hole in the bracket. A similar hole is drilled through the angle-iron brace, and a bolt is used to hold the caster on securely.—Claude P. Fordyce, Falls City, Nebr.

Sandpaper Used to Peel Potatoes

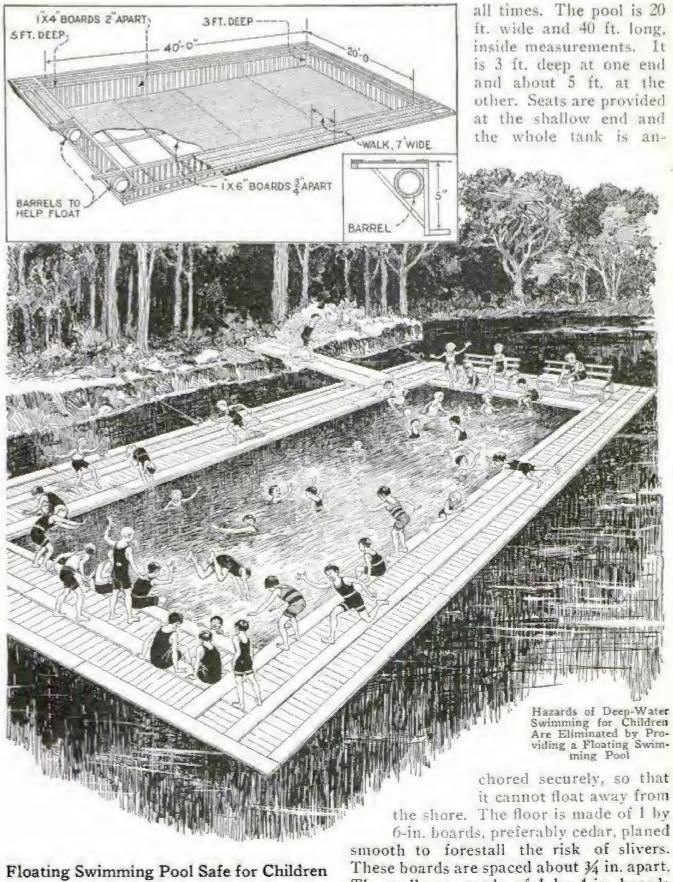
Peeling potatoes is usually a disliked task, especially around the camp, and it will be found that the use of sandpaper will facilitate the work considerably. Get a pair of cheap canvas gloves and pin a piece of sandpaper to the palm of the left-hand glove. The potato is taken from the water with the right hand and is then rubbed briskly against the sandpaper to remove the skin. This takes less time than a knife and there is no loss resulting from deep cuttings. Emery cloth can be used instead of sandpaper. The same idea was applied by a potato peeler in a hotel. He lined the inside of a wooden cylinder with sandpaper, inserted the potatoes and closed the ends of the cylinder. Rotating it for a short time removed the peeling effectively and saved a bit of time.

Tool Helps Replace Tires

When mounting tires of the clincher type on demountable rims, especially the large balloon style of tires, it is often found difficult to hold the valve section in place while pulling on the opposite side of the



tire. For this purpose the hook shown in the drawing will be found convenient. It is simply a U-shaped iron strap, which is pushed down over the tire near the valve. The hook is made of such a size that it will hold the tire to the rim securely. This will keep the beads and valve stem in position, leaving the worker's hands free to use the tire tool on the opposite side.



A floating swimming pool, which is safe for the children and protects them from the danger of deep water, is in use at Hillsboro, Ill. It is located in a large body of water and its construction is such as to allow a constant change of water at 6-in. boards, preferably cedar, planed smooth to forestall the risk of slivers. These boards are spaced about ¾ in. apart. The walls are made of 1 by 4-in. boards spaced 2 in. apart. Walks, 7 ft. wide, are arranged around the whole pool. They are made of 1 by 8-in. boards. Barrels are used beneath the walk to help keep the pool afloat.—Herbert C. Crocker, Edwardsville, Illinois.

Outside Light Keeps Porch Free of Bugs

During the summer months when insects and bugs are prolific, electric lamps on porches and in houses attract them



and they cause considerable annoyance. Small insects can even penetrate the screen and it is impossible to sit on a screened porch at night under a light to read. A good method of eliminating this trouble is to keep the porch in the dark and locate the light just outside of the porch so that there will be no attraction on the inside for the insects. This has been tried at a summer resort and found entirely satisfactory.—K. M. Coggeshall, Webster Groves, Mo.

Inflation of Balloon Tires

Many users of balloon tires think that they lose more air than high-pressure tires. This is not the case; the average high-pressure tire is kept inflated at a pressure of about 50 lb., and most motorists let them go a month before reinflating them, during which time the pressure will have decreased about 25 lb. Yet, due to the rigid construction of the tire, this loss is hardly noticeable. Balloon tires, kept at a pressure of about 30 lb., lose air at the same rate, but at the end of two weeks, when they have lost about 7½ lb.,

the deflation is noticeable, and the motorist has to pump them up, thinking that they lose their pressure more quickly than highpressure tires.

Cleaning Silverware

Tarnish can readily be removed from silverware by placing the articles in an aluminum pan containing water, adding a teaspoonful of baking soda and a teaspoonful of salt to each quart of water, and then boiling the water over a flame for a few minutes. The cleaning is claimed to be effected by means of electrolysis, the oxide forming the tarnish leaving the silverware and being deposited on the aluminum, from which it can easily be removed. The cleaning should be followed by a thorough washing and wiping before the articles are put away.

Hinges Lock Bed Joints

The problem of fastening the sidepieces of an old four-post bed together, when adapting it to a modern bed spring, in such a way that they could easily be separated if desired, was solved by the use of loosepin hinges, as shown in the accompanying photo. Also, when it is desired to attach shelves, seats, ironing boards, etc., to walls, hinges of this type will be found convenient, as they permit the article to be detached when desired.—Leslie H. Phinney, Springfield, Mass.



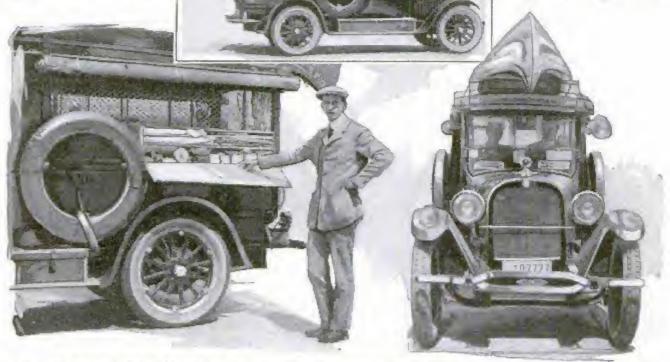
Loose-Pin Hinges on Old Beds Hold Sidepieces in Place Securely

The Complete Tourist

Many motorists have realized that lengthy vacation tours are far more enjoy-

able if made with cars fitted for the purpose. Outfits of such type are numerous, and one, novel in its arrangement is shown vision for carrying personal effects and camping equipment in built-in lockers, which have cushioned tops and serve as comfortable berths. Roll curtains give

privacy and protect against the weather. A 15-ft. canoe is carried on top of the car. Being very light, it rides easily and securely and is



Car with Screened Sides, Fitted for a Sportsman Whose Hobby is Angling; a Canoe Is Carried on Top, Comfortable Berths Are Provided Inside and There Is Plenty of Space for Camping Equipment and Food

in the photo. Angling was the hobby of the man who planned this car, and he therefore sought to incorporate in it every feature for this purpose. He purchased a screened commercial car and made proheld by metal supports with wingnuts, so that it can be loaded on the car or removed. With this outfit the owner and his wife set out on a 5,000-mile tour extending over a period of three months.

Preserving Outside Doors

Outside doors often show evidence of loosening, splintering and decay at the ends. A careful examination will show a lack of paint at these points, which is a contributory cause of decay. While it is customary to paint the surfaces of the doors and the two vertical edges, painters seldom take the trouble to apply paint at the top and bottom. As a result the water soaks into these edges and causes gradual decay, loosens the glue and necessitates repair. On veneer doors, this condition will make the surface peel and greatly detract from the appearance. It requires only a

few minutes to make the door as durable at these edges as elsewhere by applying paint.—G. A. Luers, Washington, D. C.

Substitute for Moth Balls

A pleasant substitute for moth balls was discovered accidentally by a Chicago woman. Dried orange and lemon peelings, which had been placed in a paper bag and put away in a moth-infested closet completely rid the closet of the insects. A pound or so of the peelings will act as an effective killer, and the unpleasant odor of moth balls is avoided.—Harlem James, Evanston, Ill.

Dash Mounting for the Spotlight

A spotlight can be used inside of an auto as shown in the illustration. The



lamp is mounted on a strap-iron bracket and attached to the dashboard so that it will be close to the windshield yet can be turned easily. When mounted so close to the glass, the lamp hides the spot of light thrown on the windshield. The bracket must be stiff enough to prevent vibration

of the lamp, as a slight movement will throw its beam on the road some distance.

Reinforcing Kitchen-Chair Seats

When children play in the kitchen and stand on the chairs, the seats will not last very long. A good method of repairing them is to use a piece of fairly heavy sheet metal as a reinforcement for the new seat. The children can then jump on them to their heart's content with out breaking



through.-C. M. Wilcox, Torrington Connecticut.

Fighting the Mosquito

Water is the mosquito's breeding place, so be sure that your roof gutters are not choked. They breed at the rate of 60 per square inch if the water is allowed to stand in the gutters, and as the average dwelling has at least 2,000 sq. in. of water space in gutters, the pests will multiply by the thousands, if the gutters are not drained immediately. Be sure, too, that cisterns are tightly covered and that there are no small holes or cracks in the cover, which will allow the entrance of the female

mosquito. Most spouts in the conductor leading to the cistern are not closed tightly and this is a place where they can readily get in, and therefore the spout should be covered with fine wire mesh. Never let tin cans lie around the vard, as they collect water when it rains and make a nice breeding place. If you have trouble with a wet basement, remove the water instead of letting it dry. Do not take out the window and door screens until the beginning of cold weather, as the mosquitoes look for a place to hibernate just before. Tall weeds and grass make ideal breeding places and should not be allowed to stand. By following the above precautions, it is an easy matter to eliminate the pests.

Electrically Lighted Flower Boxes

Installing electric lights in flower boxes is the latest idea of a Los Angeles architect. Each box has one light which is incased in a water-tight globe of heavy glass. The plants can be watered at any time without danger of short-circuiting the light current in the boxes. At night, when all lights are turned on, the effect is very beautiful, especially during the blooming season of the plants. The plant boxes are placed on the roof, stair headings and corners.—Willard D. Morgan, Los Angeles, Calif.

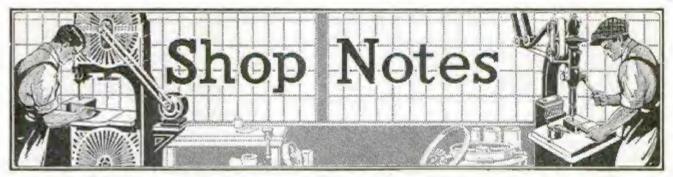
Preventing Slits in Tubes from Lengthening

If a patch is applied over a slit in an inner tube in the usual way the slit has a tendency to lengthen, but this can be pre-



vented by applying the same method as is used when patching boiler plate. Make a small circular hole at each end of the slit as shown in the illustration, before applying the patch. This can be done with a sharp knife or a punch, or by means of a metal eraser holder on a lead pencil if nothing else

is available, although this will make a hole that is a bit too large.



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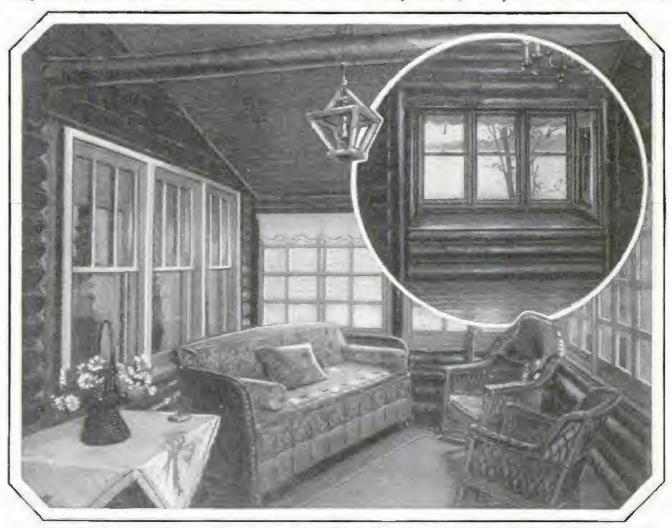
The Log Cabin Up-to-Date

By L. C. VECELIUS Hamburg

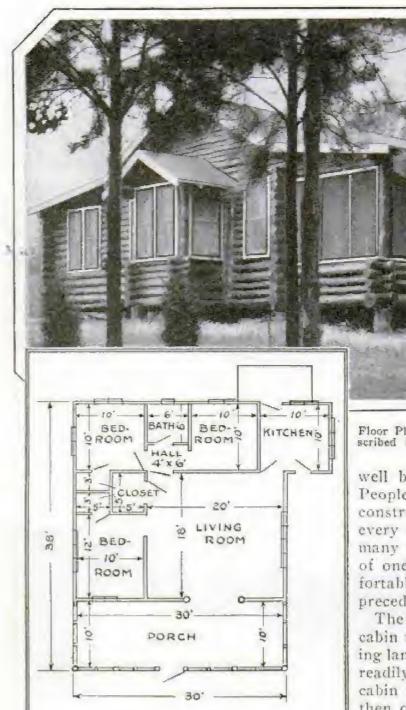
UNTIL within possibly the last five or six years, the prevailing idea of a summer home was a place to go for "roughing it," and any sort of shack was acceptable; that is, a place constructed at a very minimum of cost and barely providing protection from the weather. Any old furniture obtainable was used for furnishings, since the cottage would possibly be used only for two weeks' vacation and an occa-

sional weekend. Therefore, with a hundred-dollar lot, three or four hundred dollars' worth of materials and our friends to help nail it up, we were well fixed for a summer home.

Now, however, with improved roads and automobiles, much more time can be spent at the summer home, and, while we may want to get away from the exactness of our city home, many more comforts and



The Front Porch, or Sun Parlor, of a Modern Log-Cabin Summer Home: Inset, a Built-In Window Seat That Forms an Attractive Lounging Nook



much more beauty are now required of the summer home than formerly was the case.

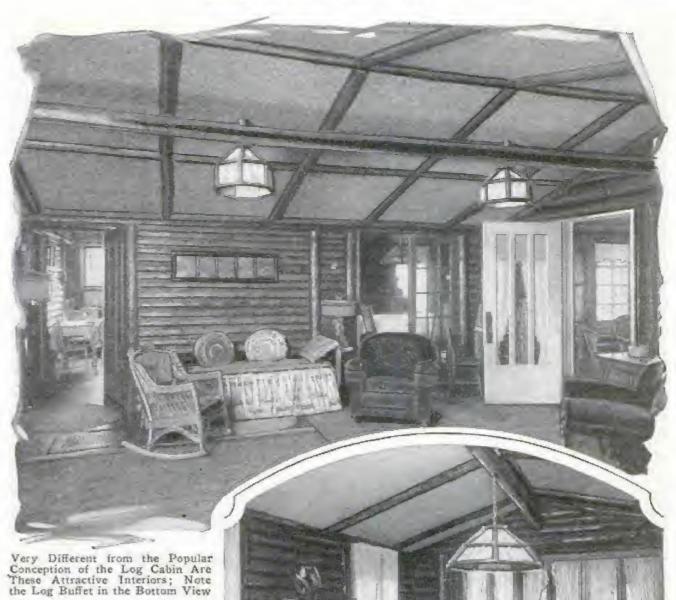
Some five years ago, while traveling about the country, I saw here and there log cabins from fifty to seventy-five years old, and most of them in fair state. It occurred to me that log structures of modern designs and comforts would be attractive both as summer and permanent homes. I had plans drawn and built a few cabins. They took well from the very first. Every prospective buyer would suggest new ideas both in design and construction. As building progressed, I found the cabins could

Floor Plan and Exterior View of a Cabin Built as Described in This Article: Note That the Foundation Posts Are Made of Concrete

well be adapted for permanent homes. People who now own cabins which I have constructed make use of them practically every weekend throughout the year, and many are occupied permanently. Inside of one-half hour the cabins can be comfortably heated after being cold for the preceding week.

The design proper for any particular cabin must be governed by the surrounding landscape. The desirability of this can readily be appreciated when one sees a cabin that is ill-adapted to its site, and then one that has been built with proper regard to the locality. I might even go so far as to say that no two cabins really should be absolutely identical.

The foundation is very important when the weight of the logs above it is taken into consideration. A log 9 in. at the butt, running 40 ft. in length and tapering to 4 in. at the top, weighs approximately 600 lb. The average six-room-and-bath cabin takes about 190 logs, giving a total weight for logs alone of 57 tons. It is my general practice at present to use concrete abutments for foundations. Those supporting outside walls and partitions should not be over 6 ft. apart. They should be at least 24 in. square at the bottom, tapering to 10



or 12 in. at the top. Abutments should extend to a depth of at least 8 in, below the frost level, not simply a foot below the ground.

I have tried all kinds of timber available in my vicinity-northern Michigan -such as cedar, pine, ash,

elm, oak, maple, tamarack and poplar, but the last-mentioned seems to be best for all purposes. It does not shrink or check, if treated as soon as peeled with oil stain filler. I use the following formula for a filler: 5 gal. boiled linseed oil and 2 qt. turpentine, with color to suit. The log. thus treated dries out readily and becomes very hard and light. It also takes varnish well, giving a very glossy finish. It is advisable to use a varnish which is heavy with rosin, and one that dries quickly, for the first coat. For the second coat the very

best grade of spar varnish should be used.

I always use dead rafters to make each room have an equal gable and, in doing this, provide air chambers above the ceiling for better ventilation. Woodboard or plasterboard and quarter-sawed logs are used for ceilings. The plasterboard is finished by using sponges to apply different colors of either stain or paint.

The logs must be laid as close together as possible; in fact, close enough to use a 34-in. trowel to apply the chinking. All logs as they are laid up are fastened to-

gether with No. 60 spikes, every 4 ft. I bore a 1-in. hole halfway through the log on the top side and drift the spike down into the log below. This keeps all the shift out of the walls.

I chink with a mixture of 18 shovels of fine, sharp sand, one bag of lime and onehalf bag of cement. After the chinking is thoroughly dry, I cover it with plastic gum, lapping over about 1/4 in. onto the logs. This plastic gum is made to my own order to

get the proper consistency and comes in two shades each of red, green, gray and brown. This gives and takes with the setting of the logs and holds the chinking intact indefinitely.

I find that any good make of hot-air furnace with a 24-in, firepot will heat a cabin as large as 48 by 54 ft., using about 9 tons of soft coal a year.

All door and window frames, screens and rafters are cut at the mill and taken



A Random Stone Fireplace and Log Mantel That Harmonizes Completely with the Spirit of the Log Cabin

to the job. The logs are cut in lengths from 12 to 20 ft. in the woods, trucked to the job and sawed to proper lengths by power saws. Most window and door frames are made of 2 by 8-in, cypress or white pine. When logs are used, they are taken to the warehouse and slabbed for door jambs and window stops. The subfloors and partitions are built in before the roof is put on, in order to tie the outside walls.

Log houses are practical in any cli-

mate. I have built in many states and find that all climatic conditions are favorable for log construction. The logs will not deteriorate as long as they are kept varnished and given the same care as a frame building should be given.

I also have built all kinds of log furniture, lighting fixtures and lamps, as well as buffets, china cabinets, cellarettes, dining tables, writing desks, etc. Some of them are seen in the accompanying photos.

Mowing Large Lawns

I have a large campus to take care of, so

that mowing the grass, which must be them over the lawn with a small tractor,



Coupled Together and Driven by a Tractor, Five Lawn Mowers Cut the Grass on the Campus of the Ontario Agricultural College

done frequently, is a big job. However, the work was greatly simplified by using five lawn mowers in tandem and driving

> as shown in the accompanying photo. A special attachment ahead of the tractor permits the driver to see what he does .- T. W. Aitken, Guelph, Ont.

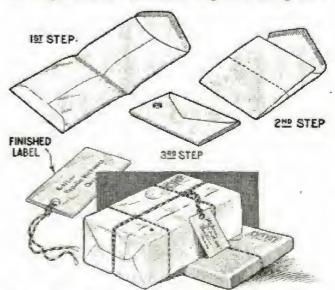
A Shrinking Kink

When shrinking a pulley, collar or ring on a shaft, it is well to have a shoulder to shove the ring up against for a stop. There are, however, cases

where it is impossible to provide such a stop and where it is more a case of luck than anything else that the ring cools at the right spot, longitudinally, on the shaft. Lathe dogs are good for this purpose. The dog should be set so that when the ring butts up against it, it will be in the right location. Be careful not to put on a dog and find, after shrinking, that it is a prisoner between two rings or collars. More than one worker has had to help himself out of such a difficulty by sawing the dog in two. Where this is apt to occur and the dog cannot be placed otherwise. use a split dog. It would be well to use the latter in any case, for then no sawing or removing of newly shrunk pieces would be necessary.

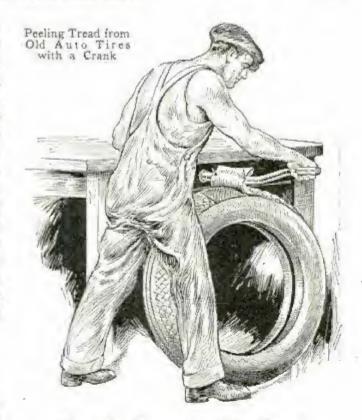
Shipping Tag Made from Envelope

When making up a parcel, one often finds that all the tie-on tags have been used up. A very strong and handy one can be improvised from an end-opening envelope, as indicated in the illustration. The envelope is first doubled, then folded once more and finally the flap is gummed over the back of the folded tag and a hole is punched through near one end. To attach it to the parcel, a cord is drawn through the hole. The tag is strong and



Strong Parcel Tag Can Be Improvised from an Envelope

not easily torn off, as the cord passes through several thicknesses of tough paper. It takes typing very well, but the address should be written or typed on before folding it.—C. A. Oldroyd, Barrowin-Furness, Eng.



Tool for Removing Tire Tread

Most vulcanizing shops occasionally have to strip the rubber tread from an old tire, either to prepare the casing for a retreading job or to use the stripped fabric for repair boots. To facilitate this task, a Wisconsin repairman devised the simple tool shown in the drawing. A length of 34-in. steel shafting was bent to form a crank and holes were drilled through it to accommodate two steel spurs. The crank was mounted to extend from the underside of the workbench. In use, the rubber tread of the tire is first cut and a few inches are peeled off by hand so that the loose end can be pierced with the spurs. With the tire standing up under the crank, it is only necessary to turn the crank to remove the tread. If the tread is heavy, the tool is stopped after several turns so that the rubber wrapping can be removed from the shaft and cut away.

Area Covered by Paint

It is often asked why paint will cover more square footage for some painters than for others. The secret of making paint go a long way does not, as some suppose, lie in the brushing but rather-in the mixing and straining. The more it is passed through a fine cloth or screen, the farther or the better it will spread.



Supporting Long Work at the Drill Press with an Adjustable Horse

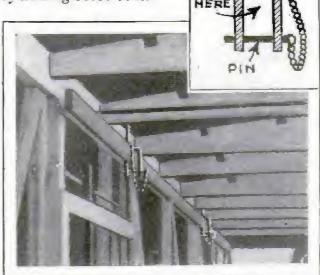
Screw-Jack Horse an Aid at Drill Press

This wooden horse, 2 ft. high and 3 ft. long, with strap iron on top section, was quickly converted into a handy accessory to the drill press for holding long work in a Denver shop. A roller was placed in the end of two 30-in. screw rods, which passed through holes in the top of the horse. By means of the two collars, the roller is raised to hold the work at any height.

Coloring Mimeograph Work

Mimeograph work can be made more attractive in appearance by adding color to it.

This can be done by using a bronze powder on the sheets before the ink dries. As you run off two or three sheets, dust the powder with a small camel's-hair brush while the ink is still fresh. It is best to use a better grade of paper, as the ink dries quickly on the regular mimeograph paper. The powder clings only to the



Handy Forked Hook Holds Support, Which Facilitates Fastening of Overhead Joists

parts covered by the ink; therefore all the rest can be brushed off and you have a pretty copy with bronze color. This adds much to the appearance of invitations and illustrations, etc., on stencils. The bronze powder can be purchased at any paint or drug store and some 5 and 10-cent stores. Other metallic powders can, of course, also be used, if you prefer a different color.

Flat Black Paint

In making a few experimental patterns, I had trouble in getting a good black paint for finishing them. I tried enamels, but found that they remained soft under the surface. I tried flat blacks of all kinds, but they either dried too slowly on the wax or rubbed off. By experimenting with some material on hand, I obtained a flat black that is fast, dries in a few minutes and sticks to wood or metal. The mixture consists of one part of lacquer thinner, two parts of white shellac and one and one-half parts of good dry lampblack, stirred thoroughly.—R. H. Williams, Chicago.

Temporary Support for Overhead Joists

When fastening overhead joists to certain structures, where they must be mor-

FORK FOR PLATE

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tised into the roof plates and held in place by bolts, there is danger of the ioists falling upon workmen below. To prevent this, a length of 2 by 4-in. wood may be used under each end of the joists, as shown. It is held in place by a forked hook, hung over the roof plate at each end. A pin is provided to slip through the lower ends of the fork to hold the support securely. The advantage of this hook is that the joists do not hinder the removal of the support.

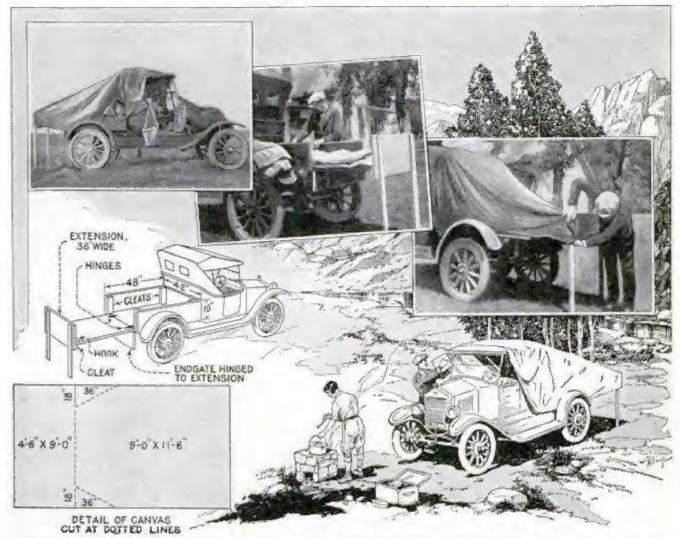
A Folding Bed for the Ford Roadster

By C. KUIPERS

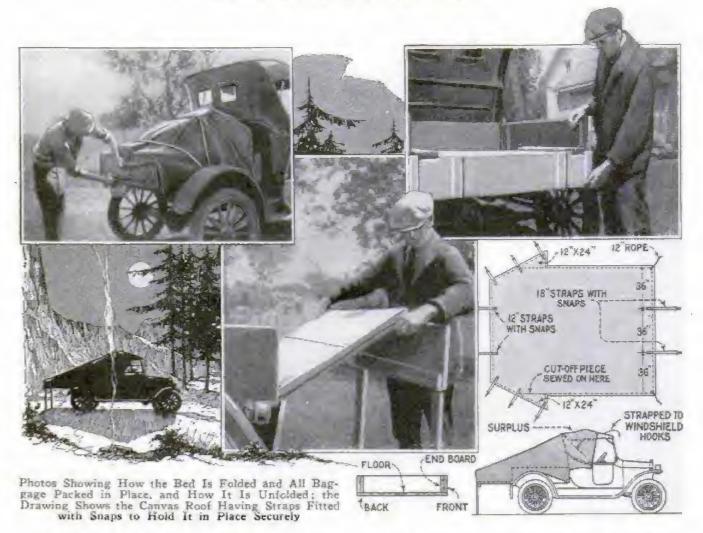
WHEN making a cross-country trip in our Ford roadster, we decided to camp in the open, but did not like to go to the expense of purchasing a tent, nor did we relish the idea of erecting it every night and taking it down again in the morning, which seemed to be a waste of time. So I went to the lumber yard and bought 44 ft. of 12-in. boards to make the box extension shown in the accompanying photos and drawings.

The tire carrier and the "turtle back" were first removed, and then I constructed a small truck box, 4 ft. long and 3½ ft. wide, with 10-in. sides. The floorboards were laid lengthwise and nailed to two 8-in. cross strips, one on each end. Screws, 4 in. long, were driven through the floorboard, strip, floor of the car and the carbody crosspiece. I used eight screws and

had no trouble; the box remained firm all the way and the screws were easily taken out when I wanted to replace the turtle back, which was carried along. A 2-ft. extension for the floor was then made. It was hinged on, as indicated, so that it could be laid flat on the floor or swung out and held up by means of a support. The extension was 38 in. wide, which gave it plenty of clearance to fit inside the box. The support consisted of an endpiece and two legs, a cleat being nailed to the former to fit under the end of the extension, and small hooks were used to keep the extension from slipping off. This endpiece formed the "foot" of the bed. An endgate for the box was also provided; this was hinged on, and when the bed was extended, the endgate hung underneath, as shown in one of the photos on this page.



Dimensions and Constructional Details of the Box, Extension, Endpiece, and the Canvas, Which Is Cut in Two Sections, One for the Roof and the Other to Cover the Baggage While Traveling



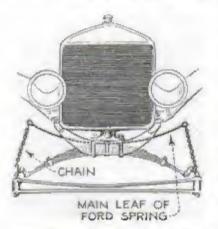
A roof was, of course, necessary to keep out rain and insure privacy. I bought a piece of canvas, 9 by 16 ft. in dimensions. which cost \$8. It was cut in two pieces, as shown in the detail, measuring 9 by 41/2 ft. and 9 by 11½ ft. Triangular pieces were cut from the larger, and sewed on in another position, the edges were hemmed all around to prevent the canvas from tearing. and a number of straps, provided with snaps, were attached along the edge. as shown. The top was fitted in place and screweves were driven into the car at various points to correspond to the snaps, which were then fastened to the screweyes to hold the roof in place securely. The wind could not blow it off and the rain could not get inside. The smaller piece of canvas was also hemmed and was used to cover the baggage while we were traveling.

This folding arrangement was found very handy, as it took only a few minutes to make the bed or to pack up. At night, the baggage was set on the seat of the car. To improve the appearance and to preserve the wood, the box was painted to

match the color of the car. The cost of the whole thing, including the paint, was only about eleven dollars.

Snubber for Ford Truck

The illustration shows a very efficient and cheap snubber for a Ford truck. It consists of the main leaf of an old Ford spring and two short chains. The leaf is placed as shown and fastened by the tiebolt. The ends are thus held securely



to the spring perches with short chains, and should be pulled down only tight enough to leave no slack. As is the case with any snubber, the chief purpose of this

one is to check the rebound of the spring when the truck strikes a rough place.

Inverted Shelf in Brood Pen Saves Suckling Pigs

When suckling pigs are confined in a small brood pen with the mother, it frequently happens that the parent porker lies down and crushes or smothers one or more members of the family against the wall. To avoid this loss, many Wisconsin farmers are building small shelves around the sides of the pens, at a height of about 7 in. above ground. Under these shelves the young pigs are insured against crowding or crushing and can scramble out of the danger zone uninjured.—G. E. Hendrickson, Argyle, Wis.

Sliding Hay Door for the Barn

Instead of the usual hay door, which is hinged at the bottom and requires considerable effort to open and close, a Nebraska farmer installed the vertically sliding door shown in the photo. The guideways for the door are angle irons. Two pulleys at the top of the doorway and just inside of the barn wall provide bearings for ropes, which are attached to the upper corners of the door and also to two concrete counterweights. One man can quickly and easily raise or lower the door.

—Dale R. Van Horn, Lincoln, Nebr.



Sliding Hay Door Easily Operated by One Man



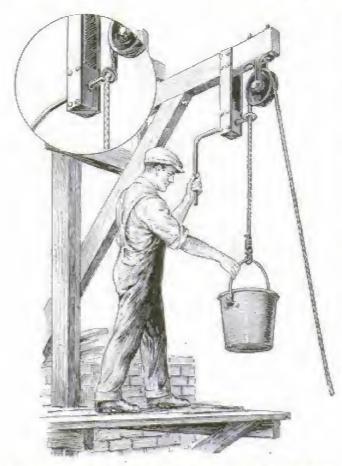
Built-In Ladder Permits Easy Access to the Attic from

Attic Ladder Concealed in Closet

In many bungalows and small homes the entrance to the attic is through a scuttle in the ceiling of the hallway, and access is very inconvenient, as a ladder cannot be kept at hand at all times. One home owner, who wished to inspect the attic occasionally, without undue trouble, arranged a built-in ladder as shown in the drawing. In the wall of the hallway, just beneath the scuttle in the ceiling, a small cabinet was built in the space between two studs. In this cabinet rungs were fastened and a neat door served to conceal them when not in use.

Valve Clearance Gauge

A Gillette razor blade makes a good overhead valve clearance gauge, where the clearance must be exactly .006 in. The sharp edge can be ground off one side and covered with friction tape to facilitate handling it. Such a blade makes a handy tool in every repair kit, not only for measuring valve clearance, but for many other purposes where a good sharp edge is needed.—Philip S. Mentz, Jefferson Barracks, Mo.



Emergency Brake on Hoisting Rope Helps Avoid Accidents in Building Construction

Emergency Rope Brake

Using a rope and pulley to haul materials to the top floor of a building under construction nearly caused an accident recently when the worker pulling on the rope below misunderstood the signal of the worker above and let go too soon, with the result that a heavy bucket descended with lightning speed. To

avoid such occurrences, the contractor devised an emergency brake so that the worker above could stop the descent of the bucket instantly. To accomplish this, he had a piece of 1/2-in. round rod bent to form an eve at one end. Then two pieces of board were nailed to each side of the beam holding the pulley, and another piece, the same thickness as the beam, was nailed between them, and a ½-in. hole drilled through the whole. The rod was inserted through the hole, as shown. Turning the handle either way locks the rope in the eye of the rod and stops the bucket. If the man below lets go of the rope accidentally, the man above still has control of it.

Installing Feed-Pipe Packing

One-piece packing used in Ford feedpipe pack nuts is often too large in diameter to be easily placed in the nut. It should be rolled between the fingers and gently pulled apart lengthwise. This makes it slender enough to fit. The nut and packing are slipped over the end of the feed pipe and the projecting packing is pressed back into the nut with a blunt tool, until the nut can be started on the end of the connection.

Blanching Celery with Paper

American celery growers of southern California found themselves hard pressed by Japanese competition, until they began to apply better methods. The celery crop was customarily blanched by wrapping each plant with old newspaper, a method too costly for American farmers, but still used by the Japanese. The American farmers tried boards, but found this too expensive also. Experiments were made with long strips of roofing paper. While this method was not satisfactory, it fur-

nished a clue. A white paper was then used. It was, made of 12-in, two ply strips, and reinforced with strings held in place with asphaltum. Two strips are required. for each row. They are secured by wire staples, which fit over the rows and are driven into the ground. The paper and the staples will last for years provided they are prop erly stored.



Using Heavy Two-Ply Paper Strips for Blanching Celery; the Strips Are Held by Wire Staples

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Cutting Glass in the Small Shop

By J. F. HARDECKER

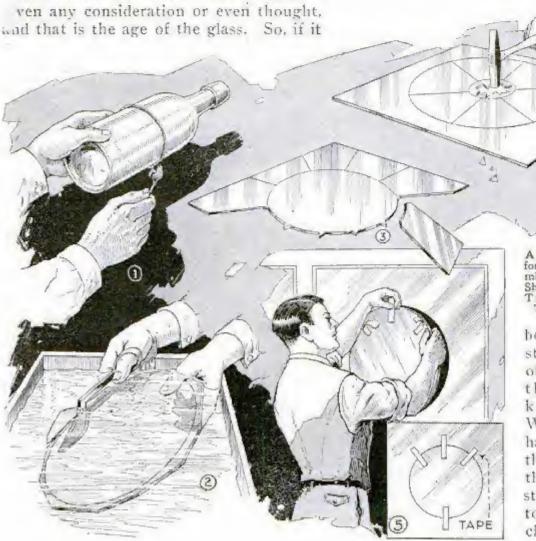
TE all appreciate that the expert can save us time and money in cutting b) . k ss on a production job, but on a little re-, job the average mechanic feels he can do well enough. Even though in passing through a shop I have seen this selfsame average mechanic spoil piece after piece of glass in the fostering of his theory, I am inclined to agree with him, if he will but observe a few practical rules developed through long experience, and not persist in inventing a way of his own. And what applies to the mechanic in the shop aptop, plies equally to the handy man around the home. Many a hasty and crestfallen in 1 from the home to the glazier's shop. hin a trail of broken glass behind, can be oided by a little forethought and reon the ect for the proper way to do it.

Pight at the start, it is necessary to point hat there is one particularly important at to look out for that is seldom

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is an old piece of window pane you are operating on, don't expect too much of it; it has seen better days. The facility with which you can cut glass is directly proportionate to its age. If it is a small piece you are dealing with, and it is not too inconvenient, discard it and start out with a new piece of glass.

We will assume that you want the bottom half of a bottle to insulate a pole for your radio antenna, or for any one of a hundred other uses around the shop. Naturally you want a good clean cut around the middle of the bottle without any ragged edges. That sounds hard to do, but here's a very easy way to accomplish Just take a piece of ordinary string, dip it into kerosene or gasoline, wrap it once around the bottle at the point you want the cut to come and tie it. Now hold the bottle sideways with the knot at the



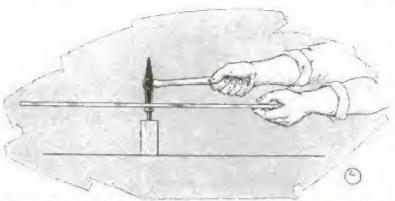
A Few Sample Kinks
for Cutting and Trimming Glass in the Small
Shop: All Have Been
Tried Out and Are
Thoroughly Practical

bottom, so that the string will not fall off when you light the ends at the knot (Fig. 1), When the string has burnt out, tap the bottle around the line where the string was, and the top will come off cleanly.

You can cut glass with a red-hot poker or other piece of metal by just tracing over the line of cut slowly with it. Tap the glass carefully along this line and you'll get a nice, clean cut. The bottle neck previously mentioned may be cut in this way as well as any form of sheet glass.

If you lack fire, you can call to your aid another of the elements of the ancients, that is, water. In this case, however, you must confine the operation to trimming, as this method is not applicable to cutting a large pane in half, for instance. water really serves to dampen the vibrations of the glass in cutting. The cutting medium is usually a large pair of tinners' shears, as in Fig. 2, and the entire opera-

tion is carried on under water in any convenient tank. Among the things that most frequently need replacing are the glass disks that shield instruments. headlights, etc. And as they are invariably held



Roughing the Surface of Glass before Drilling with a "Drill" Made from a Three-Cornered File

in place by a bezel or frame, it is not even necessary to have an absolutely smooth edge. If you must have a perfect edge, use a circular glass cutter, but do it under water. If a perfect edge is not necessary, just keep trimming it off under water with tinners' shears, usually the larger the better. Be sure to turn the cut edges away from you. If you choose, you can even resort to grinding to smooth off the job. If you don't like the water method, it is necessary to use rough lines scribed outward to the edge of the glass from the circumference of the scribed circle (Fig. 3). Here's the real trick though: If you scribe the circle, cut the rough lines and tap the glass, it will break off all right, but it will leave a ragged projection at every point where the scribed line joined the circumference and this must be ground off. But if you tap the glass all around the scribed circumference immediately after scribing it, and then cut your radiating lines, you'll get a perfect job.

To cut a circular hole, scribe the circle

with a circular cutter, but if you try to break it out directly, you are almost sure to spoil the piece of glass through its cracking past the scribed circle. Just carelessly scribe a few radial lines from the edge of the circumference to the center. and then scribe an approximate small circle at the center. Break out this small circle first by tapping, and then continue tapping to break out your segments and you will have a nice neat circular hole which you cannot possibly spoil. (See Fig. 4.)

If you want to cut an opening in a piece of glass already installed and which is not accessible from the inside, and you want to be certain the cut piece of glass will not fall inside to perhaps damage a delicate

> mechanism, a little thoughtful use of adhesive tape will solve the problem. Start your cut in the regular way with a glass cutter, but at the top put across the scribed line a few pieces of adhesive tape

as you are progressing with the scribing, as in Fig. 5. At the bottom put a single piece of tape (perhaps two if the glass is very large), tap the glass around the entire cut to break it free, and then, using the outer edge of the lower tape as a handle. lift your glass out free. The inside is safe from any damage and the tape even acts as a protection to your hands in handling the

cut-out piece of glass.

There is perhaps no single operation that appears harder and is actually easier when you know how than the drilling of glass. The first thing to do is take a setserew or any other rounded object of approximately similar contour and clamp it by the shank in a bench vise, the head being uppermost and free of the vise. Then hold the glass to be drilled over this setscrew, with the center of the hole to be drilled directly over the center of the screw head, and with a light steel hammer, as in Fig. 6, tap around this point, being careful, of course, not to tap around a greater area than that of the hole to be drilled. This tapping will merely break the hard surface of the glass, roughing it so that the drill point can take hold. An ordinary machinists' hand brace will do, but when it comes to the drill, that's another story. Take any small ordinary three-cornered file and sharpen the triangular end to a point; so as not to lose the temper by excessive heat, this sharpening should be done by grinding on a wet grindstone or grinder. If a grinder is not available, a wet flat stone will do almost as well. Now chuck the file in your drill and go ahead. The size of the hole, of course, will be dependent upon how far you drill into the piece of glass, due to the ever-increasing diameter of the file as you go deeper.

In conclusion, just a word of caution. The above are not the only ways to accomplish the results predicted, but they have been tried out practically; so, unless you actually know of a better way, it is important, simple as the rules appear, that, to be successful, you stick to them rigidly, and carefully.

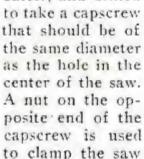
Worn Slitting Saws Make Shaper Tools

Milling-machine slitting saws that have become useless either by reason of being ground down until the teeth are too shal-

TOOLHOLDER

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low to do effective work, or by breakage of a part of the periphery, can still be made to do good work as parting tools. The drawing shows a style of holder for such tools; it is slotted to the thickness of the cutter, and drilled



in the holder. To take the thrust of the cut, a long setscrew is threaded into one holder in a suitable position to bear against the back of the saw teeth. A parting tool of this type is quite efficient for comparatively thin work.—Harry Moore, Montreal, Can.

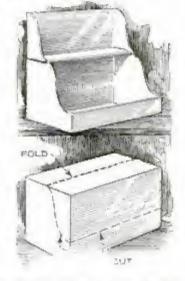


Acid Tray for the Tin Shop

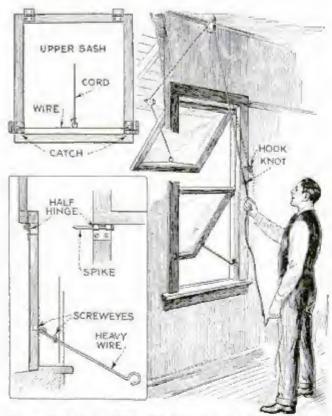
The tray shown in the drawing, for carrying acid jars, was devised in a Denver tin shop. It is made from a flat sirup or other can by soldering a doubled strip of tin, 1 in. wide and 16 in. long, to the can at each side, to form a handle, and cutting two holes in the top side of the can, of such size as to allow the insertion of small glass or stone jars to contain the acids for soldering.—Jos. C. Coyle, Denver, Colo.

Carton Forms Display Case

The keeper of a small store or shop can make a serviceable improvised display case from the original carton in which articles are shipped by cutting and folding the carton as indicated in the lower figure. With the aid of a few of these display cases, a show window or counter



can be made much more attractive than without their use.—Lester P. Young, Culver, Ind.



Windows Shed Rain When Opened and Can Be Closed Quickly for Severe Showers

Hinged Windows Found Effective in the South

In southern sections of the country, where windows usually are kept wide open most of the time, and sudden showers are apt to come up without warning, the windows shown in the drawing will be found very handy, as they can be closed instantly. They are so arranged that, if not closed for a light rain, the water will run off and can hardly get inside of the house. The sashes are hinged at the top and a length of sash cord is provided to raise and lower the upper sash, while a length of heavy wire, bent to the shape shown, is attached to the lower sash with screweves to serve the same purpose. Other details of construction are given in the drawing, and, if desired, this method may be followed or changes may be made to suit the builder. -G. M. Beerhower, Hollywood, Fla.

Device for Scouring Brass Ball Valves

Brass balls in pump or check valves often become so corroded that they stick or fail to seat properly, and it then becomes necessary to remove them for cleaning and scouring. One Wisconsin engineer made a device from a length of small

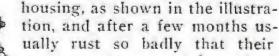
rubber steam hose, which helped him considerably in doing the work. The hose was approximately of the diameter of the balls and was prepared for use by cutting the ends so that they were beveled inward. In use, the end of the hose is moistened with water and is dipped in a suitable abrasive, after which the brass ball is placed in position in the beveled end, and rotated under slight pressure to scour and polish it. This completes the work very rapidly and with little or no danger of destroying the original spherical shape of the ball.—G. E. Hendrickson, Argyle, Wis.

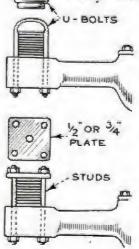
Sawing Balusters

Recently we had quite a number of 2 by 2-in. balusters to cut. As they were 16 ft. long, they could not be cut on the circular saw, so we took a couple of pairs of 6-ft. clamps, fastening as many of the strips together as possible, and it was then a very simple matter to square a line across them and do the sawing by hand.—Neil Nelson, Kansas City, Mo.

Attaching Truck Springs to Axle

On some worm-drive truck axles Ubolts are used to hold the rear springs. The U-bolts extend through the axle





tops must be cut or sawed off and the pieces driven down through the axle or drilled out when new springs are provided. If studs of the proper length are used instead of bolts in connection with a plate of ½-in. or ¾-in. stock to clamp the spring to the axle, it will be an easy matter to replace springs by

simply removing the plate and lifting the spring. The corner holes in the plate are drilled 1/64 in. larger than the studs and a central hole is provided to take the head of the spring center bolt.—G. C. Douglas, Raleigh, N. C.

How to Kill Moths in Furniture

By E. J. EDWARDS

OVERSTUFFED furniture is a good breeding place for moths, and there are several methods of killing them. One of the simplest is to use the heat treatment, which is illustrated in the accompanying photos. All that is needed is an ordinary electric heater of the radiant type or any other source of heat with which there is no danger of fire. inclosure for the furniture may even be erected over a steam radiator or a hot-air register. A thermometer is laid on the sofa to indicate the temperature and the sofa is then covered with a number of heavy comforters and blankets to keep in the heat. It must be remembered, however, that the direct rays of an electric heater or too close proximity to a register or radiator may blister varnished surfaces. Therefore, be sure to protect the furniture by means of a piece of ashestos millboard,

which can be obtained in most large hardware stores, or in any engineers' supply house. The blankets should be hung over supports so that one can reach in and grasp the thermometer quickly to read the temperature without making a large opening and letting cold air in.

Moths die at 110° F., but the eggs are not killed until a temperature of 125° is reached, so it is a good idea to keep the heat at 130° for a few hours. Glue joints in furniture will stand 140° without damage, and the wood and other materials, used in the construction of upholstered furniture, will easily stand this heat without any injury. Heat does not penetrate to the center of upholstered goods in less than three hours, and therefore the killing temperature should be maintained from eight to ten hours. To be doubly sure of killing all the moths, a second treat-



ment may be given about a week later. If comforters alone do not keep the heat in to permit the proper temperature, a layer of newspapers over the comforters and then a covering of blankets will produce



Sofa Completely Inclosed So That No Cool Air Gets In or Any Heat Is Lost

results, as paper is an excellent insulator. To support the covering over a davenport, two chairs can be arranged at each end as indicated. These will bear the weight nicely and permit the hot air to envelop the sofa completely, and if the chairs have upholstered seats, the propagation of moths will also be prevented in them.

For those who do not have access to

heaters, or are located in such cold climates that it would be a difficult matter to get a temperature of 130°, it may be interesting to know that all moth life ends after two hours' exposure to zero temperature. Three hours are required for the cold to penetrate to the center of the sofa, so an exposure of eight to ten hours is necessary. If zero weather is not prevalent, 24 hours' exposure to 15° above zero will give

good results. This will prove fully as effective and involves no cost or trouble excepting opening a window and shutting a door. The same methods can be used for killing moths in other articles.

Control for Forge Blast

When installing his forge and blast pipe, a blacksmith in a large machine shop made a convenient device out of an old steam valve for shutting off and turning on the blast. The valve was of the gate type and the threads of the stem were ground off with an emery wheel, making a smooth rod so that it would slip through the threads. The valve was then installed in the blast line, which consisted of piping of the same size as the valve. A lever taken from an old sawmill saw frame was pivoted on the edge of the forge and the end opposite the operator was attached to

the end of the valve stem, as shown, extending within easy reach of the anvil and hammer. By merely pressing on the lever, the blast line can be opened or adjusted, and a slight lift on it shuts off the draft. The lever can be balanced to stand in any desired position by attaching a counterweight at the outer end, as shown.—L. M. Jordan, Vredenburgh, Ala.

Applying Lime to Sour Soil

Rapid, vigorous growth and large yields of vegetables from the garden are aided by the use of lime. Practically all garden soils, particularly in towns and cities, need lime, and would be benefited considerably by about 10 lb. per 100 sq. ft. Any finely pulverized lime is satisfactory for this purpose. Hydrated lime, used in building construction, can be obtained from any building-supply dealer. Even if commer-

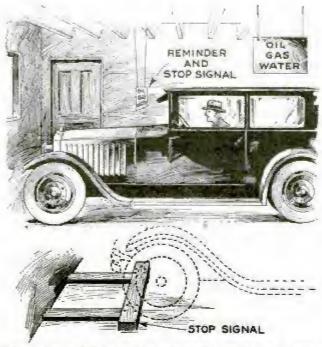
cial fertilizers and manure are used freely, sour soil needs liming as manure will not decompose readily in such soil. Besides, lime aids the plants to absorb their food and it is therefore essential to their growth. April is the best time of the year



to lime gardens. For the home gardener, the simplest test to ascertain whether or not the soil needs lime is to stir up a thimbleful of it in a tumbler of clean water to which a tablespoonful of household ammonia has been added. Let the mixture stand for 10 minutes, and if the liquid has a dark or inky color, the soil needs lime. If the liquid has a light-straw color, liming is not necessary. When fresh manure is used, it should be spaded under to a depth of 6 or 8 in, and entirely covered with earth. On the other hand, if the manure is well rotted, only half of it should be spaded under, the other half scattered and raked into the ground. The right time to apply lime is after the manure has been spaded under. The lime should be scattered and raked into the surface.

Determining Position of Car in Garage

The usual garage is just large enough to accommodate one, two or three cars, and the space in front of and behind the cars is rather limited. To prevent running the car into the garage too far, one owner suspended a card from the ceiling, so that it would just touch the windshield when the car was in the right position. Another method of preventing the car from going too far is to provide a removable wooden bumper on the floor as shown in the lower sketch.—G. A. Luers, Washington, D. C.



Two Handy Methods of Stopping a Car in the Correct Position in a Garage



Improvised Buck on Top of Stepladder Makes the Work of Lathing Much Easier

Ladder Buck Holds Lath

When lathing ceilings of ordinary height most carpenters employ portable scaffolds upon which the bundles of lath are thrown. This, however, necessitates much tiresome stooping, and one Wisconsin contractor conceived the idea of employing a stepladder in the manner shown. Four laths were temporarily nailed onto the legs of the ladder, crossing as indicated to provide a buck-or hopper. The opened bundles of lath were placed in this, handy for the workmen. By providing wheels on the legs of the ladder the worker can push himself along without getting off.

Oilcan Aids in Gluing

By keeping glue in an ordinary oilcan it can be applied wherever needed in small or large doses, just as desired, and it can be run in grooves and deep holes without getting any on the edges. This method is easier and cleaner than using a brush. The can should be kept warm all the time, which can be done by placing it in a pan of hot water.—W. F. Schaphorst, Newark, New Jersey.



Improvised Buck Rake, Attached to Tongue of Horse-Drawn Rig to Project in Front of Horses, Facilitates
Raking Bundles to Thresher

Improvised Buck Rake

A farmer near Danvers, Ill., uses the improvised buck rake shown in the photo. It enables him to bring bundles to the threshing machine or stack without any assistance. It consists of an old hayrack arranged in front of the horses as shown.—L. B. Lyons, Washington, Ill.

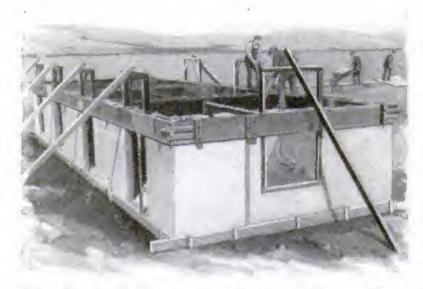
Movable Concrete Forms

In the Peruvian Andes, where there are no trees and lumber is very costly, it is a difficult matter to erect a concrete building without forms. One builder overcame the difficulty by making a movable form from a few pieces of available lumber. There were enough 2 by 12-in. planks to make a "one-course" form, as shown in the photo. The boards were carefully fitted and held together with bolts and clamps. Concrete was tamped into the mold and allowed to harden overnight. The next day, the mold was taken apart and raised so that a new layer of concrete could be added. In this way the walls rose at the rate of one course every day, which was not very rapid, but was much better than waiting six months for enough

lumber to build a complete form. The building, when completed, was entirely satisfactory, in spite of its odd construction.—Charles M. Little, Mt. Rainier, Md.

Keeping Wasps from Beehives

The average bee keeper knows that a few wasps or hornets will destroy a producing hive in a very short time. In order to rid his hives of the pests, and knowing their weakness for fresh meat, one keeper soon disposed of them without interfering with the bees in the following way: A wire screen of ½-in. mesh was slipped

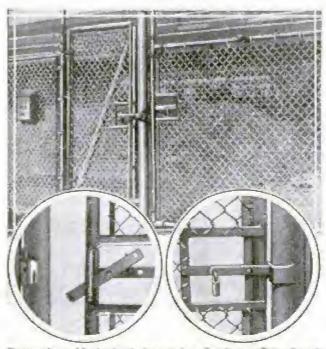


Where Lumber Is Scarce and a "One-Course" Concrete Form Has to Be Used

over the top of a discarded water bucket so as to keep the birds out. Fresh meat was dipped into a solution of cyanide and placed in the bucket, which was then hung over the hive. A pulley arrangement was used so that the bucket could be pulled away and refilled without disturbing the bees. If cyanide is not handy, almost any poison can be used, and in any case proper care should be taken that humans and domestic animals can at no time get at the poison or the poisoned meats.—H. R. Harrington, Berkeley, Calif.

Factory Gate Locks

At one of the refineries of a western oil company, where the yards are large and there are many gates that must be kept locked, although superintendents and other department heads must pass them frequently, much time and effort was saved by installing a small gate through which the men could pass without opening the larger ones used by automobiles and trucks. The novel feature of the arrangement was the way in which the padlocks were installed. The latch, which would normally hold the gate shut, and the bar in the gate to which the latch was pivoted. were drilled as shown, so that the latch cannot be raised when the lock is in po-



Convenient Method of Arranging Lock on Gate Latch

sition. In opening the gate the padlock is removed and the latch lifted.—Edward H. Flaharty, Parco, Wyo.



Clamping Small Work to Bench

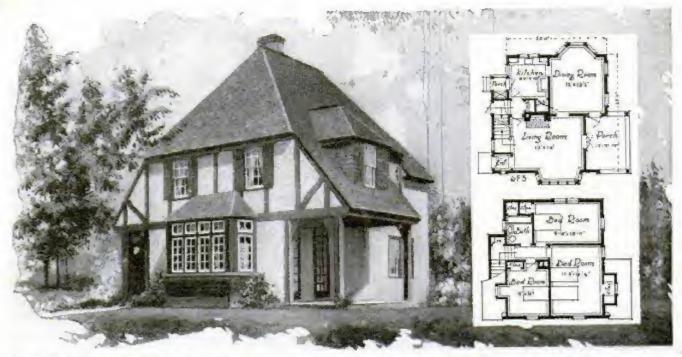
As can be seen from the drawing, a good clamping device used to hold small work to the bench top to facilitate planing, beading, etc., consists of a carpenters' eccentric clamp with a sliding base. The burr at the end of the shank is removed so that the base can be taken off. The shank is then slipped through a hole drilled in the top of the bench, the base put on again from below, and the clamp is ready for use. When one operation is to be performed on a number of pieces of the same size, this arrangement will be found particularly convenient.—C. R. Gains, Muscatine, Iowa.

Shade Cloth Covers Cracks between Plasterboard

Cheesecloth strips are generally used to cover cracks between sections of plaster-board when wallpaper is to be applied as a finish. This material, however, is hard to keep in place, and it is much better to use strips cut from window shades, preferably those that are old and have lost their original stiffness. The strips should be about 2 in, wide and the adhesive ordinary flour paste. When the wallpaper is put on, no trace of these strips will show. Such strips can also be utilized to advantage in corners where the edges of the plasterboard meet.

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A N English type of home of stucco and timbers is shown here. It has six rooms, large porch, inclosed rear porch, bath and seven closets. The entrance is at the side through a small vestibule to the living room. In the latter and in the dining room bay windows add to the charm, and French doors lead to the porch.

The kitchen is efficiently planned and has the sink under two windows. A good closet for pots and pans will be appreciated by the housewife.

Perhaps in our home building we have borrowed more from our English cousins than we have from any other people. Certainly we are indebted to the English for much of the tradition of our home design. One of the most characteristic things of all about English architecture, especially in respect to smaller homes, is its unassuming character. It does not project up into the sky with bold effront. The tendency always is to bring the roof close to the ground; to make the breadth of the

house more apparent than its height. In the design illustrated here these characteristics have been skillfully worked out.

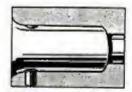
The timber-and-plaster effect is graceful. The heavy wooden shutters at the openings are in keeping with the timber design. The two large bay windows are light and airy with much glass and little construction in evidence. The roof breaks down low to the level of the second story, but through skillful adaptation of the roof to the plan, the second-story rooms are all well lighted.

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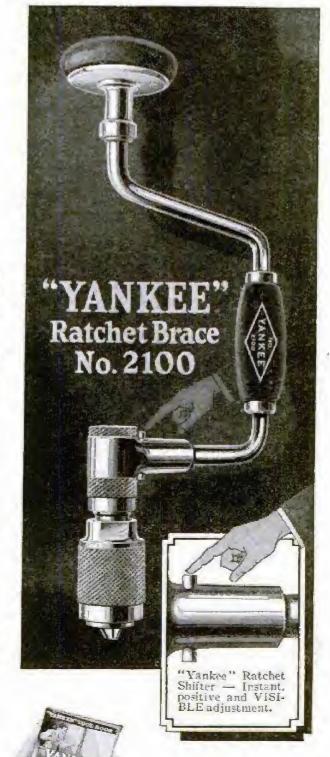
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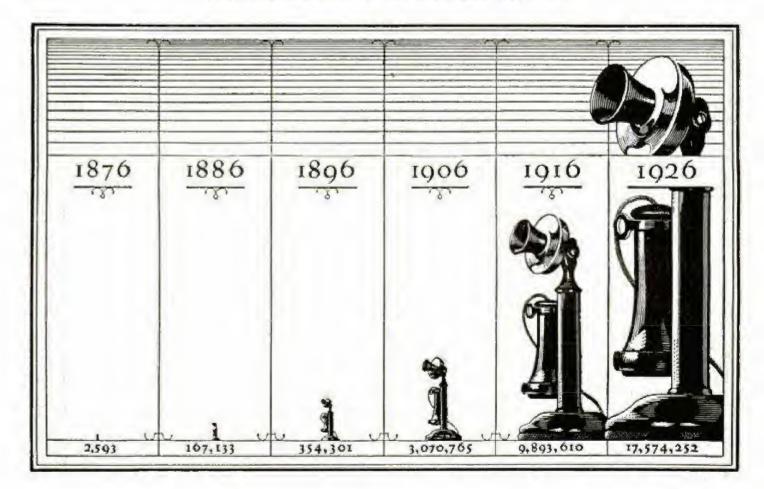
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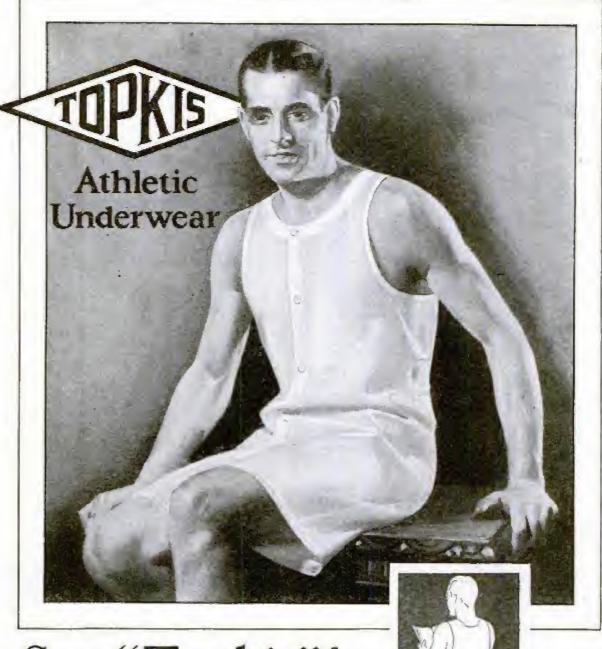


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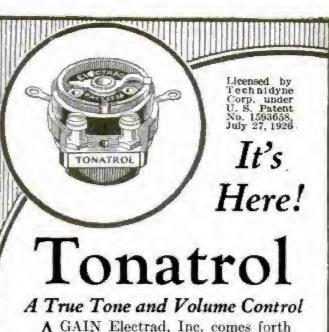


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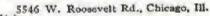
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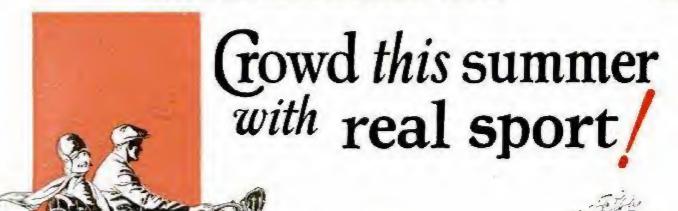


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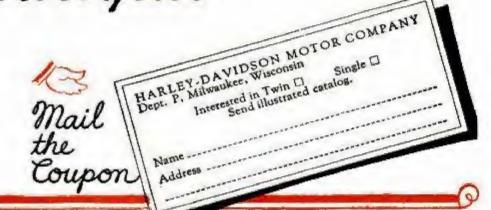
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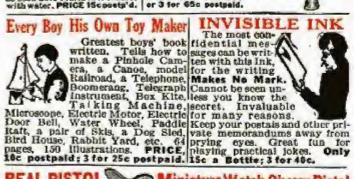
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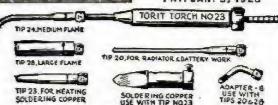
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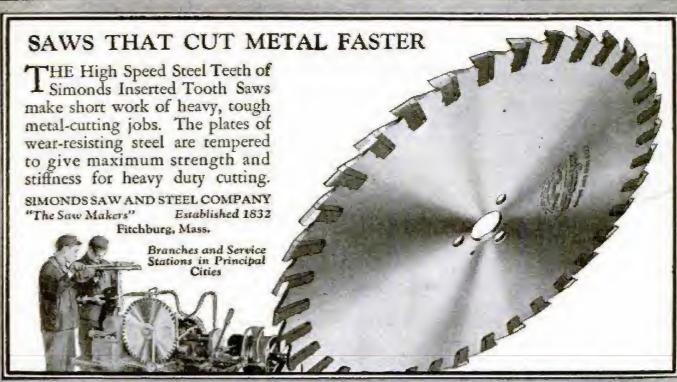


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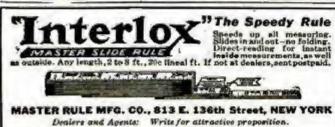




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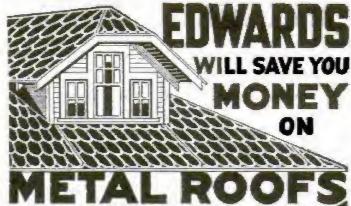
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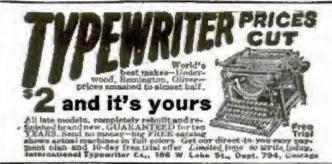


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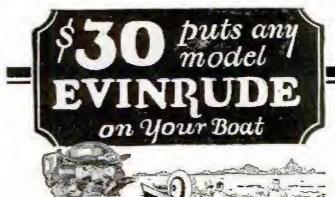
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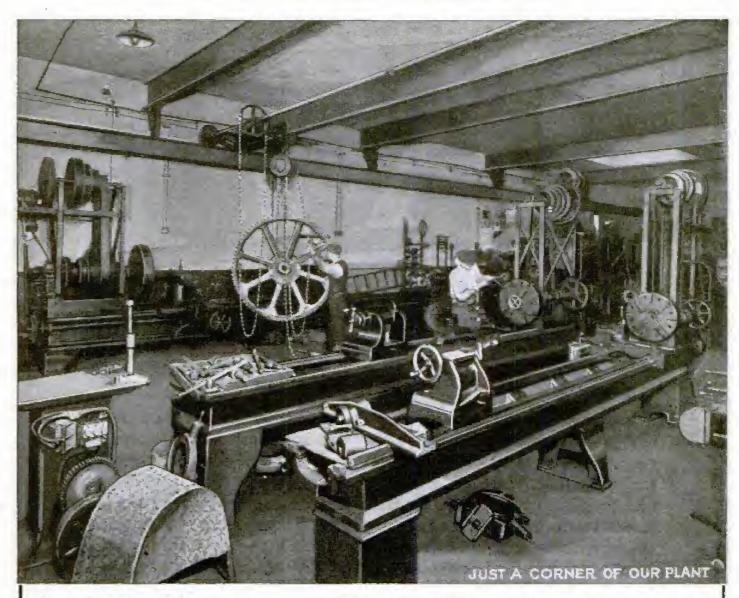
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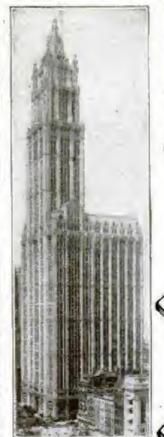
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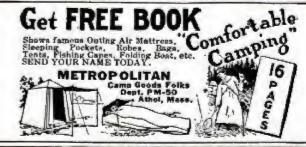
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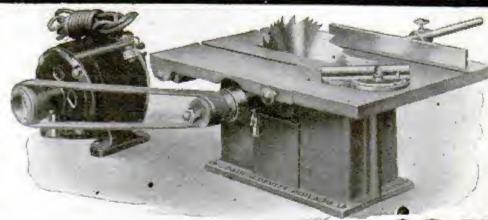




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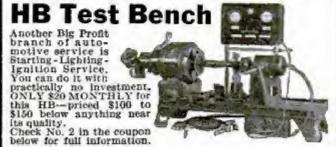
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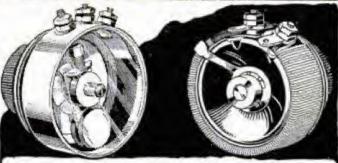
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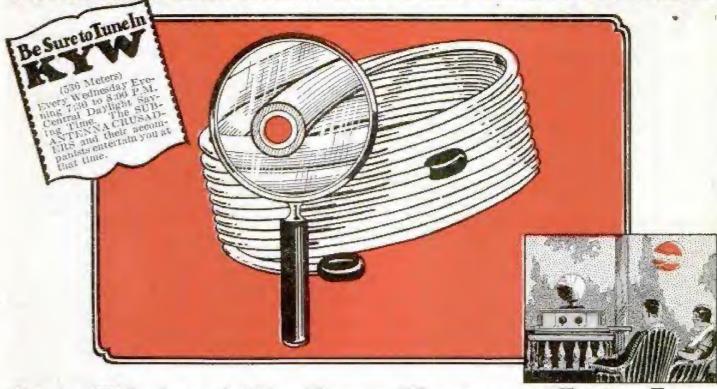
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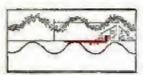
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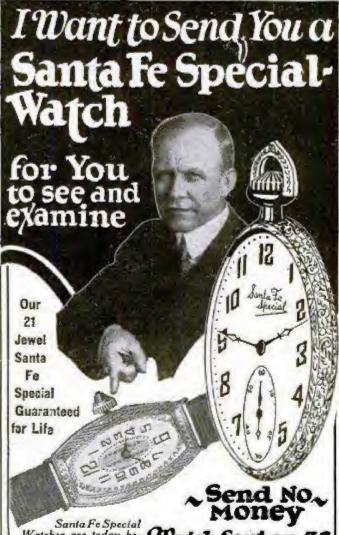
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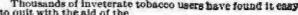
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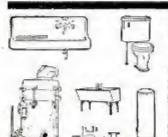
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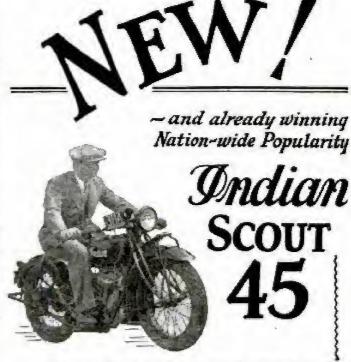
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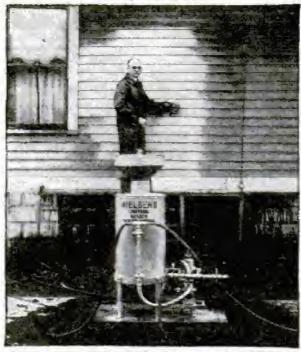
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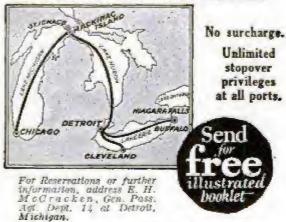
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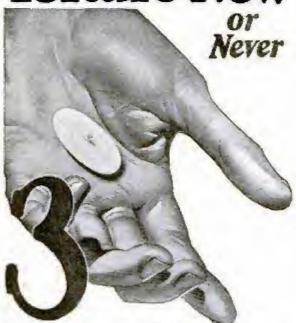
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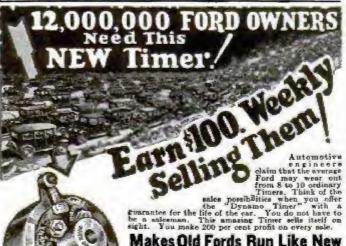
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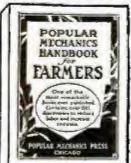
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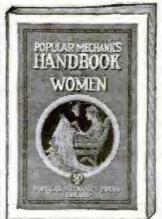
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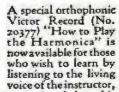
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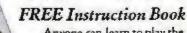
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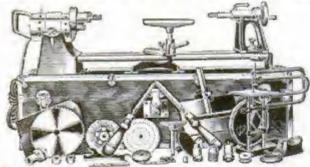
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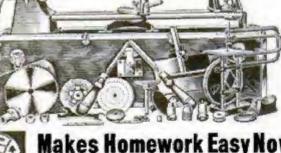






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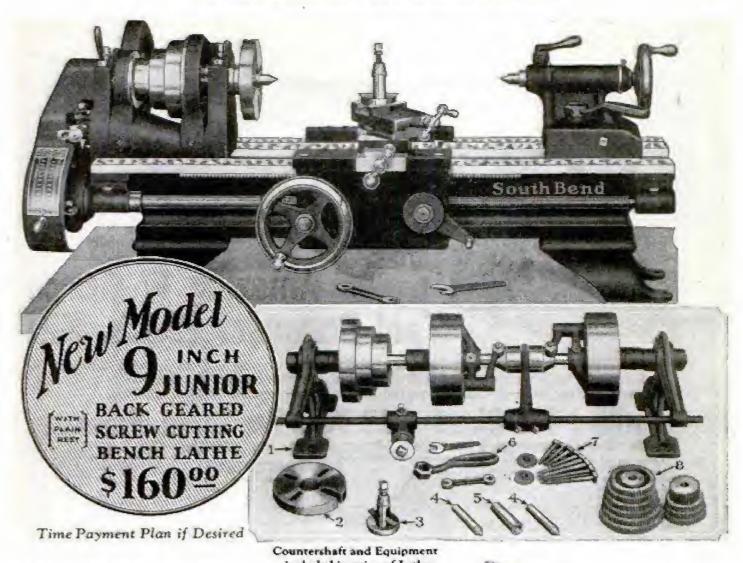
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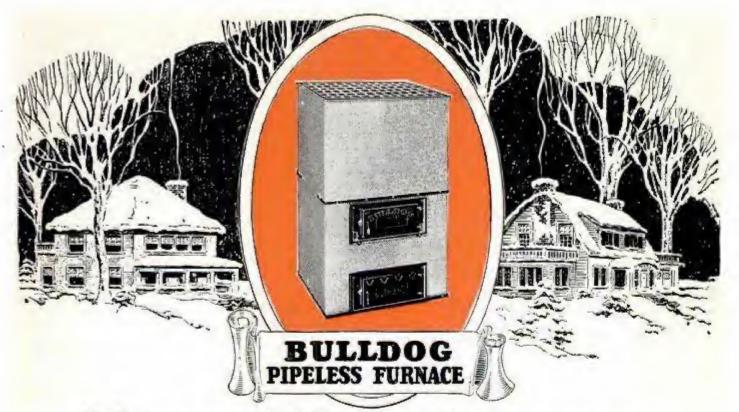
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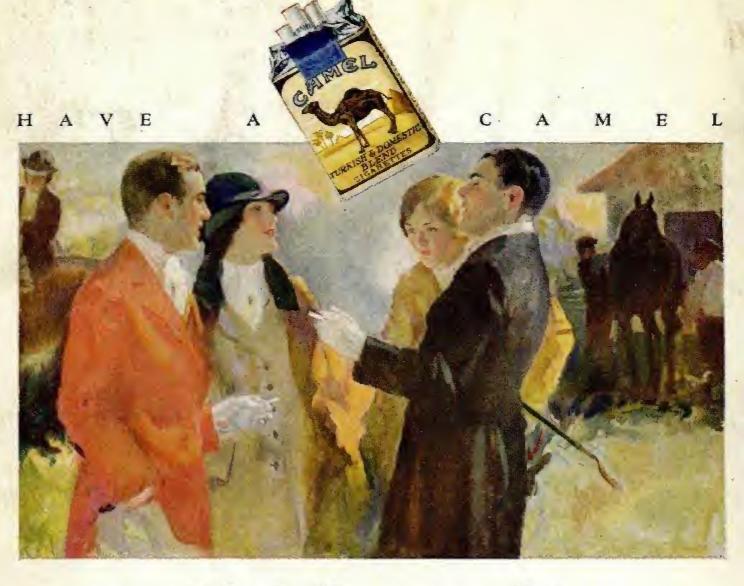
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